

Mark Von Nida confirms that he is interested in becoming Madison County clerk.

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Union officials representing Beverly Farm workers brought their complaints to legislators this week.

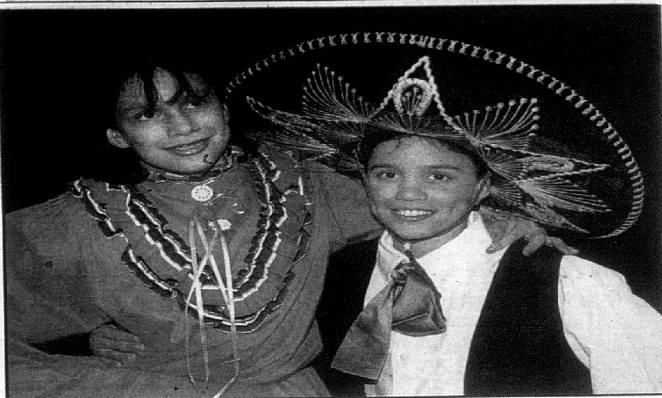
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(Photo by SHIRLEY VALENCIA)

**Cinco de Mayo** — Kristin Jo Melzer and Myles Midgley III wear traditional Mexican costumes to dance the Las Pelonas. They will perform at the Cinco de Mayo celebration sponsored by the Mexican Honorary Commission. It will be held at the Madison AMVETS at 1711 Kennedy on Saturday. Doors open at 6. The holiday celebrates the victory of Mexican troops under Benito Juarez over the French Army on May 5, 1862. The victory preserved the reforms Juarez had introduced to provide more land to the poor.

## Jail's problems being addressed

Sheriff sees new wing opening soon

Sewer backups, electronic security system glitches and problems with heating and air conditioning are some of the difficulties encountered in completing the new addition to the Madison County Jail.

But those problems are being overcome slowly and the new wing should be open soon, Sheriff Bob Churchich told the County Board's Buildings Committee on Monday. He didn't specify a date.

"I just feel that if I accept the jail as it is with these problems, I also accept the liability Churchich said.

The new \$5 million wing of the jail was planned to be finished last fall. It was designed to add 66 new beds to the existing official 158 for a total of 224 beds.

But the jail has been overcrowded for years. On Friday, using only the old part designed for 158 beds, there already were 242 inmates crammed into the facility. Some sleep on the floor.

Churchich had said last month that he would double-bunk in the new wing of the jail, resulting in a total capacity of 307.

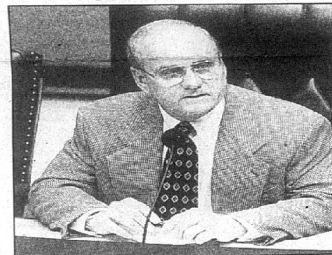
However, Churchich said Monday he had discovered that such a move would be in violation of new Illinois Department of Corrections standards.

Instead of double bunks in the new wing, Churchich said he would add 79 beds in the old part, which is not subject to new rules, resulting in a capacity of 303 beds.

"It's been suggested that I am doing this (See JAIL, Page 9A)

## Briggs: 'Be attentive'

Superintendent urges students to work hard



Schools Supt. Harry Briggs Jr.

By Michelle Duell  
Staff writer

Madison County Regional Superintendent of Schools Harry Briggs Jr. has advice for students who attend the schools he oversees. "Be very attentive to the things that are happening around you. If you are, you'll be on the right track," Briggs said. "Work hard and choose friends very carefully — friends that aren't going to cause you problems socially or personally."

"You need to be loyal to certain things and to yourself," he said. "I think once you do that, you're going to develop a pretty good relationship with people, and that's important."

When Briggs, 48, was in college, he never thought his career would take the turn it did, he said.

"I intended to become a lawyer," he said.

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## Man charged in stabbing

Venice man faces attempted murder charge

Madison County prosecutors on Tuesday charged a Venice man with attempted murder after he was arrested for allegedly putting a gun to the head of another man and stabbing him, Venice Police Chief James Newsome said.

The suspect, Carrys Isaac, 34, allegedly stabbed Richard Jones, also of Venice, in the chest with a knife on Monday in front of a package liquor store on Broadway Street, Newsome said. Police suspect the motive was robbery, he said.

Police were unaware the stabbing had occurred until they received a call about the incident from St. Louis University Hospital in St. Louis, where Jones was being treated for injuries, Newsome said.

Police were unaware the stabbing had occurred until they received a call about the incident from St. Louis University Hospital.

Police arrested Isaac after a witness identified him as the suspect.

Isaac's charge is a felony, punishable by six to 30 years in prison. Circuit Judge Charles Roman Jr. set Isaac's bail at \$150,000.

## Insurance coverage lapsed

Pontoon Beach officials try to figure out what to do now

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

Pontoon Beach officials are fortunate — very fortunate — that there have been no disability or life insurance claims by village employees in the past couple of years.

That's because the insurance covering those employees has apparently lapsed — even though village records indicate premiums have been paid continuously since the program was initiated in August 1993, former comptroller Lou Whitsell, now a trustee, said.

The Village Board's Personnel Committee met Tuesday night with Steve McGinness, assistant business representative for Teamsters Local 525, the union represent-

"We're really fortunate nobody had a claim."

— Lou Whitsell  
Trustee

ing the village's police department employees, to try to determine how to best handle the situation.

Complicating the matter is the fact that the village has failed to pay its share of premium costs for some employees, while it overpaid for others, Police Chief Mike Crouch said.

Trustee Bob Abel, chairman of the Per-

sonnel Committee, and Trustee Randy Presswood agreed with McGinness that the first order of business should be to reinstate the employees' insurance and then to determine how much is owed to or from — each employee.

Trustee Bob Vincent suggested that the village advertise for bids from prospective agents to provide future coverage.

Whitsell explained that the employee insurance program with Blue-Cross BlueShield of Illinois was designed to replicate benefits available through a Teamster plan, but at a \$30,000 savings to the village.

The plan provided \$10,000 in life insurance benefits to employees, with premiums paid by the village. Employees could

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**5 FULLER'S FORECAST**

John Fuller, Meteorologist, KSDD-NewsChannel 5

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## Salute



Albert Walker

Albert Walker recently completed his term as a student representative on the Belleville Area College Board of Trustees. Walker, of Granite City, also served as chairman of the Student Advisory Committee of the Illinois Community College Board.

Walker maintained a 3.6 grade point average, qualifying him for induction into the Phi Theta Kappa honor society at the Granite City Campus of BAC. He plans to graduate with an associate's degree, enlist in the Navy and earn his bachelor's degree, and pursue his master's and doctorate degrees with the help of the Navy College Fund and G.I. Bill.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESSE)

**Launching** — Natalie Vaughn, left, jumps with excitement as Kristi Jones, right, launches her rocket during a program at Niedringhaus School. The rocket was painted in honor of the cow that jumped over the moon in the Mother Goose tale. Story, more photos on Page 5A.

# Olympiad clamps

## Coolidge students take first in competition

By Michelle Duell  
Staff writer

After a day of problem solving and tests on math and vocabulary skills at Southern Illinois at Edwardsville — without taking time for lunch — four eighth-graders at Coolidge Middle School received a surprise.

Of 30 participating teams in the 17th annual Junior Olympiad from Madison County Schools, their team won the first-place trophy.

None of the winners — Jamie Cassidy, Steven Peach, P.J. Stewart and Elizabeth Stoppotte — had an idea they would win.

"They (the supervisors) scored us as a whole, not individually, and they didn't put up any (results), so we didn't know how many points we scored," said Stoppotte, 14.

It was unusual that the team won, their science teacher, Cindy Gurkin said, because she and another teacher, Michele Zukas, had received no more than three weeks notice to prepare students the students for the competition.

"We coached them verbally," Gurkin said, "and that was all the preparation they had."

The purpose of the Olympiad was to bring together junior high and middle school students from the Madison County schools for an intensive, one-day creative problem-solving competition.

Students participating in the Junior Olympiad competed as teams, solving a series of problems which required higher level thinking skills. Team points were awarded for problem solving exercises in a variety of areas, such as creativity, language arts, math, science and physics.

One of the projects in which the team participated involved creatively designing contraptions that would be tested for strength, Stoppotte said.

"We had to use a paper, a paper plate, a paper cup and a paper bowl and two pieces of

"We coached them verbally. And that was all the preparation they had."

— Cindy Gurkin  
Science teacher

string ... to design contraptions that would catch golf balls, and we had to design them every 90 seconds," she said. "We made three different ones as a team."

"You put the golf balls down gutters and the team had to wear the contraptions (while catching them)," Stoppotte said. "One was on the head, one was on the elbow, and one was on the lower leg."

All of their contraptions worked, she said, adding: "We got third place in that one."

Stewart, 13, described another contraption the team had to create.

"We had to make a container for three cherry tomatoes, and we had to take a hammer and hit the container without crushing the tomatoes," he said. "We also got points for how high up the hammer stopped."

"We used a paper plate, a paper cup, four sheets of paper and a certain amount of masking tape," he said. "We crushed all of the tomatoes, but we still stopped it (the hammer) pretty high up."

Stewart said he was excited and "kind of nervous" because his group was competing against other teams.

Cassidy, 14, said building a tower out of two index cards — "one big and one small" — with a paper plate as a base was no easy task.

"It kept falling over," she said of the event.

"The goal was to make it as high as we could. We made it 17 inches high."

Cassidy said the competition taught her to use



Four students from Coolidge Middle School in Granite City won the first-place trophy for team skills in math, science, vocabulary and physics at the April 22 Scholastic Olympiad held at SIUE. Thirty Madison County area schools participated in the competition. From left are winners Elizabeth Stoppotte, Steven Peach, P.J. Stewart and Jamie Cassidy. All are eighth-grade students.

teamwork to solve problems.

"We had to make slits in the tower to piece it together," she said. "Then we took it to a table to measure it."

"We just tried to make it as tall as we could," said Peach, 13. "We were given 15 minutes (to build it)."

As for the tests on math and vocabulary skills, Peach said an Egyptian math page gave the team a "little trouble."

"You had to figure out what the symbols

equaled and plug a number into the symbols," he said. "We figured this one out after the test."

In addition to winning a trophy, each of the winning students won a medal.

They all agreed that the event taught them cooperation and how to help each other with teamwork.

"I think (Gurkin) chose us (as team members) because we're all gifted and pretty smart," Stewart said. "It was fun."

## Free legal assistance is available on Saturday

Anyone in Illinois with a question about a legal matter can call and talk to a lawyer — at no cost — on Saturday, May 3, Ask A Lawyer Day.

Lawyer volunteers will answer phones at nine locations around the state from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Any Illinois resident can call either a local number or a toll-free number for a free consultation with a lawyer.

The 16th annual Ask A Lawyer Day, part of Law Day activities in Illinois, is sponsored by the Illinois State Bar Association in cooperation with bar associations in Chicago and north and west suburbs and other area counties.

Lawyer volunteers will be able to answer questions about consumer problems, family law, estate planning, personal injury or any other legal situations affecting individuals.

Callers will be advised to see their attorney or will receive a referral through the lawyer referral service in their area.

"The law can help people if they take the necessary steps to protect their rights," said State Bar President Ralph Gabric of Wheaton. "Sometimes a small legal matter can become a large legal problem if persons delays seeking help."

Ask A Lawyer Day is a public service project that enables people with a legal question to call a lawyer and learn about their legal rights and responsibilities.

The phone number to talk to a lawyer on May 3 from anywhere in Illinois is toll-free (800) 252-8908.

Each of the participating bar associations operates a lawyer referral service year-round for people who need legal services but do not have a lawyer. The services make referrals to lawyers who agree to provide an initial consultation at low cost to determine the client's legal needs.

## Von Nida confirms job interest

Assistant to Haine is leading candidate to become county clerk

Mark Von Nida, administrative assistant to State's Attorney Bill Haine, said Monday he is seeking to become the next Madison County clerk.

Von Nida, 40, of Edwardsville has powerful backers in the Democratic Party and reportedly has a good shot at getting the nomination from County Board Chairman Rudy Papa.

"I talked to Chairman Papa and told him why I think I would be the best candidate," he said Monday.

If Papa names Von Nida, he would have to overlook those in the party who have been calling for a Granite City resident and for a woman.

Former County Clerk Debbie Saltich, 42, died in office April 15. Saltich, a Democrat, was from Granite City and was one of few female elected officials in county government. State law mandates that her replacement be a Democrat.

State Sen. Evelyn Bowles, D-Edwardsville, former longtime county clerk, was among those who said last week that Saltich's replacement should be a woman.

Papa has declined to talk about specific nominees. He said the field of interested people stands at about ten.

"I talked to Chairman (Rudy) Papa and told him why I think I would be the best candidate."

— Mark Von Nida

Asked what qualifications he would look for, Papa said his priorities would be the ability to work with people, expertise with election law and education.

As Haine's top aide, Von Nida deals mostly with office matters, such as managing the department's budget. He has a bachelor's degree in political science.

In 1995, Von Nida said publicly he was considering a run for the Illinois House of Representatives seat now held by Glenn Bradford, D-Glen Carbon. He later declined to run for the seat.

On Monday, Von Nida said he decided against running for office in 1996 because he would have been away from his wife and two young children in Springfield too

often. Von Nida also said he had been asked not to run by friends of Bradford who didn't want to decide between the two Democrats.

Other people who have been talked about in connection with the county clerk nomination include Granite City Clerk Judy Whitaker, Granite City Township Assessor Darlene Laub, Deputy County Clerk Colleen Spudich of Livingston, and County Board members Alan Dunstan of Troy and Frank Laub of Granite City.

Whitaker said Monday that she has heard Granite City may be overlooked in the nomination, despite the fact that Papa is consulting with County Board member Mac Warfield, D-Granite City, who is the chairman of the Democratic Central Committee.

"If it isn't going to go to someone from Granite City, then it should go to Ms. Spudich," Whitaker said.

Haine said he is pulling for Von Nida, although he said he would hate to lose his assistant. "It's Rudy Papa's decision, but Mark is very qualified and educated," he said.

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## NEWS

# Illinois Power fights expected shortages

## Company takes steps to avoid outages

EAST ALTON — Last December's fire at Illinois Power Co.'s Wood River Power Station and a hot summer this year could add up to shortages in the utility's power supply.

Illinois Power officials announced this week that the company is initiating a number of measures to avoid service interruptions for its customers stemming from possible multi-state power supply shortages this summer. They said the company also is planning for ways to minimize inconveniences to customers, if shortages occur.

"We're taking extraordinary actions to be able to serve our customers' needs, and we're conservatively planning for all contingencies so that we and our customers will be prepared," said Robert Reynolds, vice president of Illinois Power. "We'll be working with state and local organizations and community groups throughout our areas to ensure that customers have the information they need."

Officials with a number of utility companies throughout the Midwest say electricity could be in short supply in much of Illinois and Wisconsin this summer.

It's too early to tell what impact, if any, a regional supply shortage would have on Illinois Power customers, Reynolds said. He said the possibilities range from no impact to voluntary reductions in usage to localized outages.

In part because of last year's fire at the Wood River Power Station in East Alton, the generation and transmission reserves that Illinois Power typically would have for the summer won't be available this year. The power supply could run short if the weather is abnormally hot and if Illinois Power's major generating units were to require maintenance during the peak summer season.

"This summer, we'll be going into the peak season without one of our generating units and with several generating plants at neighboring utilities unavailable, as well," Reynolds said. "That means the supply will be tight, and we will not have the cushion we normally have for unusual occurrences."

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— Robert Reynolds  
IP official

Two generating units at the Wood River Power Station were damaged in last December's fire. One of those units is expected to be back in service by early summer; repairs on the other unit won't be completed until fall. The Clinton Power Station and the three major units at the Baldwin Power Station are expected to be available to serve summer electricity demands. Several major generating plants operated by utilities in Illinois and neighboring Wisconsin are out of service and likely won't resume operations in time to help meet summer electricity demands.

Illinois Power can purchase replacement power, but the amount of electricity it can import from utilities in other parts of the country is limited by the multi-state nature of the possible power supply shortages. The company has arranged for additional electricity to be imported to the extent possible.

Illinois Power has taken additional steps to avoid the potential power supply shortage, including reactivating older power plants that had been closed, upgrading electric transmission facilities in various parts of the state and double-checking critical transmission lines across the state to ensure they're ready for extended summer use.

— From The Telegraph

**Kick off** — Above, John Mohl, director of community relations at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, speaks to the attendees of the kickoff breakfast of the center's Wings Campaign for 1997. The campaign will raise funds for the Koch Family Health Center, the center's facility for providing care to those who cannot afford treatment on their own. At left, St. Elizabeth Emergency Room Dr. Steve Barr explains how the Koch Center can reduce costs for everyone by reducing traffic through the ER. Below, Sister Mary Thomas delivers the blessing at the breakfast. (Staff photos by JOHN FRESE)

## National Day of Prayer today

ALTON — Madison County's sixth annual observance of the "National Day of Prayer" will be held Thursday at Lincoln-Douglas Square, Broadway and Market Street.

The interdenominational music and prayer service will be held from noon to 12:30 p.m. in conjunction with the 46th annual national observance.

Local religious and civic leaders traditionally join together in the ceremony. The public is invited.

# Venice OKs McKinley plan

By Michelle Duell  
Staff writer

The Venice Board of Aldermen Tuesday approved an ordinance to place signs restricting semi-trucks from traveling in the two outer lanes of the McKinley Bridge.

Once the signs are in place, the trucks will have to travel in the bridge's two center lanes.

The aldermen passed the ordinance after learning that trucks traveling on the outer lanes would overstress the toll bridge, which Venice has

owned since 1958.

Though the bridge was originally built for trains by the Terminal Railroad and deemed to be strong and safe, it is in need of approximately \$30 million worth of repairs to bring it up to par, McKinley Bridge Consultant Tom Fields said.

However, Venice is economically depressed and unable to pay for the repairs, which are mostly needed on the bridge's west entrance from St. Louis.

Over a span of 20 months in the last two years, the city has been able to pay \$3 million for repairs, Fields said.

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# OPINION

## CAROL'S COMMENTS

### Chaos remains, despite effort

In my modest abode, there are three large closets which, until the winter holiday season, were in a state of chaos. In a rare burst of determination, I managed to rid one closet of clutter prior to Christmas (and we're not talking clothing) but the other two remain as work in progress.

It's not that I'm a pack rat. I don't save string or rubber bands or plastic boxes, and there are other things I'm reluctant to part with. Boxes (and I mean large boxes) of photographs, some dating back to my parents' youth and some that include pictures of folks I don't ever know, and never did. Smaller boxes of canceled checks. A million letters (and not by letters; I pitched those long ago).

Voluminous containers of random material that I expect some day to serve as reference material. Books for which I've an odd of shelf space. But I have a situation I plan to remedy, because I just took a count of some 18 volumes currently stacked on tables around the place. Obviously, I need to buy more book shelves and find space for all of them.

Most of my peers, I grow up in houses with attics. Attics. They were places where Mother wanted something out of sight (but not discarded) she boxed or stuck in an old trunk and forgot it.

They were wonderful places to hide out in on explore on rainy days. I no longer have the luxury of one of those dark, spacious rooms at the top of the house.

One afternoon on a recent dull Sunday, I decided to tackle the worst of the two remaining closets, a coat closet containing five or six coats and jackets. The shelves were empty and contained a large number of totally empty boxes, as well as Christmas ornaments. Out with the clutter.

Card table and chairs, folding deck chairs have to stay. On other place to store things. Box of hand tools I don't know how to use, put in the pantry. A shelf full of box games, poker chips, portable cassette player and chess sets, a pocket edition of what appear to be pocket knives honoring Virginia's eight presidents. I took them all alone and get rid of two boxes of the



Carol Clarkin

forementioned old checks. So far, so good, and all these decisions made in less than half an hour. It was all downhill from that moment on.

The next hour was devoted to weeding through a box of letters which, of course, entails reading them before consigning them to a waste basket. And wondering why on earth I'd kept a number of them. Including one from my cousin Roger, dated early in '64 until I reached the last paragraph.

Rog, my lifelong best friend, in retirement from Stanford, had become a devotee of playing the football cards and reported that he'd only come close to winning once throughout the season. "Worse yet," he wrote, "my little gold mine investment took a turn for the worse just before Christmas when the chief geologist shot his brother, the company president, to death, along with the company accountant, then, after shooting the company attorney (non-fatally) shot and killed himself. There were some short shots, but my guess is that West Fork Mine is now a long-shot." Glad I kept it, so typical of Rog, who died last fall.

Turning to another box of written material, I met my Waterloo. Ran across the copies of my great-grandfather Joseph Rabb's letters home during his years in the Union Army and into the early college years at DePaul, covering the time span from 1860 to 1865.

It had been years since I'd read them and I sat down and spent the remainder of the afternoon re-reading, from beginning to end.

The closet is still a mish-mash of all manner of miscellany and I was reminded of something I read not long ago to the effect that no person who can read is ever successful at cleaning out an attic. Or a closet.

Oh, well, out of sight, out of mind.

### Send us your letters, columns

The Granite City Press-Record/Journal welcomes both letters to the editor and guest columns.

The newspaper provides the "Letters" column to give readers an opportunity to voice opinions on various items of interest.

Letters should be brief, preferably less than 10 paragraphs. Typeset letters that are neatly written are given priority treatment. Preference is also given to locally originated letters, but letters from outside the area are accepted.

Each letter must be signed and include the telephone number and address of the author. Only the name and city will be printed, but authors may be called for verification purposes.

The "Opinion Shapers" column is open to those interested in writing at length on a topic of current interest.

## The new form of illiteracy

Children who don't learn computer technology will suffer

By Mary Somerville  
I've heard the statistics over and over again. Millions of Americans can't read. One out of four adults can't read well enough to hold a job, read the label on a medicine bottle or the instructions for putting a crib together. Now the president tells us an estimated 40 percent of children are poor readers.

As if that weren't bad enough, we have a new form of illiteracy that will plague today's children in the future: technological illiteracy.

While reading continues to be a basic survival skill, it is no longer enough. Our children must know how to use computers to find information they need for their studies, their jobs and their lives. Why? Because kids who aren't logged on and online will be lost in the next century.

Fortunately, there is a solution. One that exists in virtually every school and community. The library.

The positive impact of libraries on children is well documented. Study after study has found the positive effects of high-quality school library media centers on student achievement.

It's true whether their school

districts are rich or poor and whether adults in those communities are well or poorly educated. Similar reports indicate that access to public libraries affects how much and how well children read. And many children who used to dislike reading say they prefer reading over television after being introduced to a well-stocked library.

Unfortunately, without caring and knowledgeable adults to guide them, many children will not make this important connection. It's up to us to make sure kids connect with the library and discover the wonderful world of ideas, learning and fun the library offers. It's also up to us to see that our school and public libraries have the support they need to provide a full range of resources, both print and electronic.

Computers alone are not enough, however. The Federal Communications Commission will soon decide on the amount of discounts libraries and schools will receive on telecommunications services.

These discounts, opposed by some industry groups, were mandated as part of the Telecommunications Act passed

last year by Congress. Without significant discounts, it will be impossible for many libraries, especially those in rural and low income areas, to provide public access to this important technology.

Our nation's libraries have always been "universal service" providers, providing books, magazines, encyclopedias and other resources for people of all ages and backgrounds regardless of their ability to pay. The same will be true for many online services.

The most recent numbers show that less than 20 percent of U.S. households are connected to the Internet. For those who can't afford computers or online access fees, libraries are natural access points. The number of public libraries connected to the Internet continues to grow rapidly, but it is still less than 50 percent.

(Mary Somerville is president of the American Library Association, the oldest library association in the world. Its mission is to promote the highest quality library and information services and public access to information for all Americans.)



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Internet use under scrutiny

TO THE EDITOR:  
Let me pose a question to the reader: Do you think the founding fathers would say it's OK for the federal police to have read my e-mail as it traveled through cyberspace? Would they have approved of anyone reading my mail?

The federal government wants the Internet and all telecommunications providers to leave little access points where they can see or listen to anyone's communications. The people they listen to are called "suspects."

Anyone could be a suspect. There are enough laws to make us all guilty of something. So I ask again reader, what do you think the founding fathers would have thought? Remember, those men who wrote and voted for the Constitution and the women who supported them had been harassed by the British. They wanted guarantees of personal freedom from this new government. They knew what unrestrained government police (Red Coats) were capable of. They didn't want to trade one bully for another.

These nation-states first lived under a contract called "The Articles of Confederation." It failed.

So they tried a second contract, called "The Constitution." They added a personal rights section and it worked. It was a plan for a mutual economic and defense pact between 13 independent nations. But that government's starting point was that people were smart enough to handle their own affairs. Citizens did not need a government to tell them how to make a living. The government was supposed to get out of the way and let the citizen do as much or as

little as the citizen aspired to do. Nowhere in that contract was the federal government granted the right to spy on the citizens of the several states.

Today, the citizens rely on the Internet and a telecommunications industry for distribution of private communications. Government wants to make its own use of the system. Once we say it's OK to put in a window on the pipelines of private communication, nothing will be private again. Governments know how to use the tools they are given. We hope the police could use the technology to stop criminals and never use their power to look at our information. Experience shows that they will look. What would the founders say?

Do you want government to have the power to look? It's time to vote: yes or no.  
LEE PRESSER  
Glen Carbon

### It shouldn't happen to a dog

TO THE EDITOR:  
It shouldn't happen to a dog. Let us imagine that in animal shelters across the nation unwanted dogs and cats were disposed of in the following manner: without benefit of anesthesia or even a shot of Novocain to dull the pain, their skulls were punctured with sharp scissors, then a hose was inserted and their living, conscious brains were vacuumed out.

Imagine the screams and howls of outrage from society, especially from the animal rights groups, the radical feminists and the liberal politi-

cians! They would likely form mobs and lynch the animal wardens, burn down the shelters and maybe even organize a million man protest march on Washington.

Don't worry folks, this will never happen. Only a sadistic, heartless fiend would do such a thing to poor, helpless animals. They only do it to people. The above described slaughter happens every day in abortion mills to unborn human babies throughout our country. God help us!

Of course, I could be all wrong about this. After all, the abortion mills are big business doing in large sums of money which is good for the economy and they do provide lots of jobs for people with strong stomachs. Have a nice day!

DONALD G. STANLEY  
Cambridge

### Alcohol abuse is targeted

TO THE EDITOR:  
April was Alcohol Awareness Month, and most communities focused on strategies for addressing underage drinking. Recently, local area youth participated in a Youth Forum and developed recommendations for reducing underage alcohol use and its related problems.

The Madison County Youth Forum was sponsored by a number of local organizations: Chestnut Health Systems, the Regional Office of Education, the Southern Illinois University Wellness Program and Eta Sigma Gamma, Madison County.

DUI Task Force, Madison County Health Department and InTouch PSA 16.

Students from local high schools were brought together, and these students spent the day discussing various alcohol-related issues and developing recommendations for addressing these issues.

Although there were many creative suggestions these kids thought might work to reduce alcohol abuse, one of the main themes presented was that kids expect adults to be responsible for enforcing policies and laws. They expected parents to be sure that parties in home were alcohol free, that school administrators enforced school policy consistently and fairly, and that police aggressively enforced the laws in regard to underage use.

Although some of the adults in the audience expressed surprise at the demand for accountability, the Madison County youth recommendations were very similar to those expressed at other Youth Forums across the state. Some of the recommendations that were generated from previous state Youth Forums have been made public policy, such as the Zero Tolerance Law.

Perhaps parents and other adults need to take their cue from the kids. Laws and policies are there to protect kids' safety and well-being. Maybe we should enforce them.

JEAN SCHRAM  
Director  
Piaza Prevention  
Maryville

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Chris Miller did at the launch

Up Class

By Michelle D. Staff writer

Sixty-one sixth graders launched a science project

The ceremony bearing scientific names of the school's science project

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# PEOPLE



(Staff photos by JOHN FRIESE)  
Chris Miller delivers the countdown for Sam Trawick, right, at the launch control.



Miller and Ariane Sendejas track the flight of her rocket above the baseball fields in Wilson Park behind the school.

## Up, up and away Class' rocket project teaches patriotism

By Michelle Duell  
Staff writer

Sixty-one sixth-grade students who attend Niedringhaus School last week celebrated the launching of rockets they made as part of a class project that taught patriotism and science.

The ceremony began as they marched onto the school grounds in white NASA space suits bearing scientific symbols.

Each of the 61 students carried a rocket that averaged 12 inches in height. The rockets they assembled bore U.S. flight symbols, red, white and blue paint and small engines that would carry them as high as 100 feet into the atmosphere.

Brett Mahan, 12, holding the U.S. flag, led the students, who formed two lines and marched forward until they stood in two large circles. Each circle of students surrounded a launching pad for ejecting the rockets.

Before the launching began, however, the students gave the "Pledge of Allegiance" then played recordings of "The Star Spangled Banner" and "America the Beautiful." They stood with their teachers, Elizabeth Parker and Elizabeth Hall, their right hands placed over their hearts. They also listened to taped recordings of U.S. military marches and clapped their hands.

Then, it was time to launch the rockets. The students put them on the launching pads, one on each pad, plugged the cords of their launching devices into the pads, then pushed the buttons on the devices.

As the rockets simultaneously shot high into the air, they cheered.

"Those suits were donated by Capri Sun," Parker said, as she kept a close eye her students' performance. "The kids designed their (NASA) patches and numbered their rockets."

"You can keep them," said Lydia Waugh, 11, who explained the construction of her rocket.

"It's a really cool experiment in science. It's pretty much defying gravity."

— Brett Mahan  
Student

"They're made of cardboard and plastic, and each one has a little engine in it that makes it shoot off."

Waugh, who is Parker's student, said she used spray paint on her red, white and blue rocket.

Mahan, 12, who is Hall's student, said he sprayed his rocket with a white, flat paint, then lightly sprayed red paint over it. "I put blue and white decals on it," he said, adding, "It's a really cool experiment in science. It's pretty much defying gravity."

Mahan said the rockets took about 2½ days to assemble, and that they were made from kits ordered from a company that makes the rockets.

Hall said the project teaches patriotism and space study.

John Miller, 36, a Granite City firefighter, was on the scene. He helped each student launch the rockets.

"She, (Hall) just calls me up, tells me a date to appear, and I show up," Miller said as he watched a rocket shoot into the sky.

"My daughter was in her class four years ago, and I liked rockets as a kid, so I like to help out."

Students from other classes at Niedringhaus School were allowed to watch the display, though they stayed a safe distance away from the launching pads.

"The classes do this every year," Hall said. "It's a perfect day. They (the rockets) are going straight up. It's wonderful."



A group of students, above, watches the flight of Nick Roberts' rocket as he sets down the launcher to run to recover it. At left, Brett Mahan recites the Pledge of Allegiance to a group of students at the pre-launch ceremony.



Miller hooks up Kristi Jones' rocket at the launch pad as she watches to make sure all systems are go.



Sixth grade teacher Elizabeth Parker watches as student George Barker's rocket disappears into the sky.



Jacky Marzucco gives her rocket the green light, allowing it to be launched into the sky.

# Schnuck Markets says it should not be blamed

Schnuck Markets cannot be held responsible for the closing of five area National Markets stores, Schnuck officials said.

"Schnuck believes it has had nothing to do with any failure of Family Company of America stores," company spokeswoman Marie Casey said.

"Schnuck would never do anything to deliberately harm customer service, products or quality offered in any Schnuck stores, whether at a permanent or temporary location."

FCA, owner of the area's 23 National stores, announced over the weekend that it would be closing five of the stores, including stores in Collinsville, Cahokia and Wood River. Family Chief Executive Officer James Gibson said the stores' failure is directly tied to the conditions the stores were in when FCA bought them from Schnuck Markets in March 1996.

In a letter to employees, Gibson blamed Schnuck for "an intentional effort to drive the customers away from these stores during the divestiture. The stories of empty shelves, bad lighting, dirty conditions, spoiled meat, referrals to other stores and other awful actions seem to go on forever."

Schnuck sold 17 former National stores and six Schnuck stores as part of a divestiture ordered by the Federal Trade Commission, after Schnuck bought the National chain from Toronto-based Loblaw Companies Ltd. of Canada in June 1996. Schnuck operated the stores on a temporary basis for 10 months until it sold them to FCA. It was during that 10 months that the stores were allowed to run down, FCA maintains.

Schnuck spokeswoman Casey said the charges are absolutely untrue. (Schnuck has) been serving customers in this market for 68 years. There is an absolute commitment to quality and value for customers that they seek to show in each and every store every single day."

Casey also pointed out that FCA waited a

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— Marie Casey  
Schnuck spokeswoman

long time to make the allegations.

"They have owned these stores for well over a year," she said.

FCA executive Gibson said the company is preparing a \$50 million claim for damages against Schnuck, but Casey said comment on that would have to wait until the suit is actually filed.

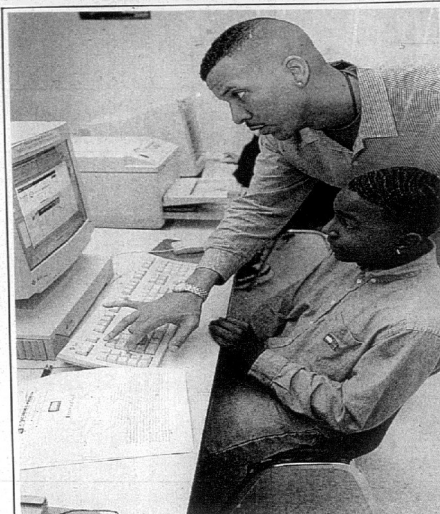
Schnuck, which has 72 stores in the metropolitan area and several new ones opened recently in St. Louis and Downstate Illinois, is under a 10-year monitoring agreement with the Illinois Attorney General and Missouri Attorney General's offices to make sure it adheres to fair competitive practices.

A spokesman for Missouri Attorney General Jay Nixon said the agency has been reviewing Schnuck's compliance with the March 1995 agreement.

"We really can't comment on the details of the review, other than to say that we have been reviewing the portion of the agreement that deal with the divestiture," spokesman Scott Holste said Tuesday.

Abdul-Hakim Shabazz, a spokesman for Illinois Attorney General Jim Ryan, said the state agency has also been in contact with all involved parties, but declined to discuss the details of the talks.

— From The Telegraph



**Outreach** — Larry Gilmer, an electrical engineering student at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, gives advice to Kerwin Stanley of Madison as part of the Midwest Engineering and Science Association Pre-College Program. The program shows junior high school students the value of science, math and engineering and their value as career choices.

## May Fellowship Day is Friday

May Fellowship Day, an annual national worship service, sponsored by Church Women United, will be held on Friday, May 2, at St. Peter's United Church of Christ, 21st and Cleveland. Registration is at 11:30 a.m. A salad luncheon will be served at 12 noon. Tickets for the luncheon are \$2. The program will be held immediately after the lunch.

The theme of this year's celebration is "Sowing Seeds in Prepared Soil," and continues the seed theme which is used in all of this year's celebrations. The service is woven around the concept of seeds provided by God from ancient times, for both physical and spiritual nourishment, and actual food seeds of thousands of years ago. Participants in the service will receive a packet of Amaranth seeds. The Amaranth is an ancient, very nutritious cereal grain that was a staple of the Aztecs, Mayans, and Incas. The word "Amaranth" in Greek means "immortal" and refers to the remarkable durability of the seed. They will be used in the May Fellowship service as a symbol of God's seed that survives over the centuries of human existence and continues to nourish. Chairpersons for this event are Mae Lee and Dorothy Kinney. Several past presidents of the local unit will be participating in the program.

An offering will be taken which will help support the statewide organization of Church Women United. For more information about the program or for tickets, please call 876-8359.

## Children's Choir sets schedule for auditions

The Saint Louis Symphony Children's Choir has announced its audition schedule for the 1997-98 season. Children ages 8-18 may audition for six different choir levels, and placement in the choirs is based on experience and ability.

Children may audition May 17 and 21, June 7 and 14, at the Saint Louis Symphony Children's Choir office, 11631 Olive Blvd. in Creve Coeur. June 14 is the North County Branch of the Symphony Music School at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, and June 21 and 28 at the Symphony Music School at 560 Trinity in University City.

The Saint Louis Symphony Children's Choir became affiliated with the Saint Louis Symphony Oct. 1, 1996. About 350 young people, ranging in age from 8-18 from more than 140 schools, are represented in the 10 choirs which consist of two Chorales, two Chorists, a Concert Choir, three Children's Choirs, the Chamber Singers and the Male Chorus.

For more information about the Children's Choirs and their audition schedule, those interested may call 314-993-9626.

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<b>BROADCAST STATIONS</b>												
ATV	(2)	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Semifinal Game 2 - Sports To Be Announced					Videos	Videos	News [E]	H. Patel		Animal Outlets
KMYD	(2)	UPCA Golf: PGA Championship - First Round - 12 - Sports Show: Bowling [L]VE										8 Minutes (In Stereo)
KSDV	(1)	NBA Basketball Playoffs: NBA Basketball Playoffs [L]										NBA Basketball Playoffs
KNCN	(1)	Here's Help [F]	Christian	Family Theatre			This Is Life [F]	Faith	News [E]			News [L]
KONL	(2)	Figure Skating: Tour of World Champions			PGA Golf: Houston Open - First Round [L]			ABC News	News [E]			News [L]
KPDX	(1)	Political: Environmental			Environmental Reporting (In Stereo)							Pupples (In Stereo)
KPLR	(3)	Major League Baseball: St. Louis Cardinals at New York Mets			*** "Pretty Woman" (1990, Comedy-Drama) Richard Gere							Brotherly Nick P
<b>CABLE STATIONS</b>												
ABC	(2)	Journal [I] Talk [R]			Scoresboard Central		Scoresboard Central		Scoresboard Central			Scoresboard Central
CNN	(2)	World Report [E]	Earth	Future	Science	Early Prime	Early Prime	CNN World	Prime	Capital		Crash
NICK	(2)	You Don't	Crazy Kids	Gadget	Salute	Temple	G.U.T.S.	Land-Lost	Space Cases	You Affirm?	Aline Mac	Kenan/Kel
TNT	(2)	(12:00 a.m.) "Dress Gray" (1986, Drama) Alec Baldwin			Hal Roebuck		*** "Wild Times" (1986, Western) Sam Elliott					Wild Times
ESPN	(2)	PGA Golf: PGA Championship - First Round [L]			PGA Golf: The Evenson Cup [L]							PGA Championship
DISC	(2)	Uninhabitable Places [H]	Uninhabitable Places [H]		Nightmaramer		Home of the Camps [H]	Treasures	Terra X			Hunters of the
TBS	(2)	Major League Baseball: Pirates at Braves			Griffith		WCCW: Wrestling [L]					WCCW: Wrestling [L]
WBNS	(2)	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast
WGNL	(2)	12:00 a.m. *** "Pretty Woman" (1990, Comedy-Drama) Richard Gere			Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Los Angeles Dodgers (In Stereo) Live			USA Gold				USA Gold
WHDS	(2)	Supernatural	Body by Jake		Wired		*** Love in the Afternoon (In Stereo) Live					Attractio
ATV	(2)	*** "Man About a House" (1987, Comedy) John Wood			*** "The Shaah"							Attractio
AMC	(2)	Auto Racing: ASA Challenge	ClassicCar	Hot Rod TV	Fishin'	Fishing	Auto Race: Lone Star Nationals					In-Fish
MTV	(2)	Best of MTV (In Stereo)	To Be Announced (In Stereo)	Breakdown (In Stereo)			Beravis					Real World
LN	(2)	One West Walkin'	Unsolved Mysteries		"Woman on the Run: Lawrence Sanders"		"Woman on the Run: Lawrence Sanders"					News
3N	(2)	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News
FAM	(2)	(12:00 a.m.) *** "Little Girls: Happy at Last" (1982, Drama) Bette Davis			"The Face on the Milk Carton" (1995) Kellan Michaels							A Child's Cry for
A&E	(2)	(12:00 a.m.) "Sweet Revenge"	Biography This Week	American Justice [L]	Unexplained [H]							Amc's Mystery
S&P	(2)	8 Sightings (In Stereo) [L]	*** "Francis II: The Triumph of James De" (1991) [L]		*** "Twister" (1996, Science Fiction) Michael Keaton							True Action Adventures
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<b>PREMIUM STATIONS</b>												
HBO	(2)	(12:30 a.m.) *** "The Arriator" (1966) [L]	*** "Coneheads" (1993) PG-13		Lifestyles		30 Years of Television Anniversary					Hupp
SHOW	(2)	*** "Sahara" (1995) [L]	*** "Silver Surfer" (1995) Steve Vidler	PG-13	*** "The Untouchables" (1995) Michael Keaton							Hupp
DISC	(2)	Johnny Lightning	Johnny Lightning	Johnny Lightning	Johnny Lightning	Johnny Lightning	Johnny Lightning	Johnny Lightning	Johnny Lightning	Johnny Lightning	Johnny Lightning	Johnny Lightning
SHOW	(2)	16 News	Ready/Not	Ocean Girl	Flash	C. Brown	Injury Out	Donald	"We're Back! A Dinosaur's Story" [G]			"Land Before Time"

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WB	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
WGN	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
WHSN	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
AMC	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
NBC	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
LIFE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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## NEWS

## OBITUARIES

## Patla, Angeline

**(Klavora)** ANGELINE (KLAVERA) PATLA, 84, of Livingston died at 1:20 a.m. Tuesday, April 28, 1997, at Community Memorial Hospital in St. Louis. She was born March 15, 1913, in Livingston.

Mrs. Patla was employed for 10 years by Crown Can in Chicago; and previously employed as a waitress and housekeeper for the elderly. She resided in the Chicago area most of her life and was a member of the Slovane Lodge in Chicago.

Survivors include two sisters, Mary Solanko of Granite City and Frances Krutick of Cleveland; and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 40 plus years, Frank Patla, who died in 1962; her parents, Andrew and Anna (Pizzocci) Klavara, and one brother, Frank Klavara.

Private services are scheduled for today, Thursday, at Lesicko Funeral Home in Livingston with the Rev. George Radosevich officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park, St. Louis.

Memorials are suggested to the Friends of Community Memorial Hospital Foundation in St. Louis.

## Grizzard, Melissa L.

**MELISSA L. (CROOK) GRIZZARD**, 36, of Granite City died at 4:45 a.m. Tuesday, April 28, 1997, at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis.

She was preceded in death by her father, William Grizzard, and her mother, Mary Grizzard.

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Historical museum to open  
Revolutionary War, Lewis and Clark to be celebrated

**WOOD RIVER** — Moccasins and muskets will be very much in evidence May 17 at the grand opening of the Wood River Museum, 40 W. Ferguson Ave.

LaWanda Smith, president of the Wood River Historical Society, said the museum will open at 10 a.m. on May 17, starting off with displays about the very early days of Wood River, before the area actually came to be known by that name.

As time passes, the displays can be changed to reflect later periods in Wood River history, Smith said.

Much of the celebration of the grand opening will reflect the era of the Revolutionary War and its aftermath, when William Clark and Meriwether Lewis led the expedition and the participation of many city residents will give the ceremony a strong flavor of Wood River.

"It is very definitely a Wood River celebration," she said.

The museum also features memorabilia from Amoco Oil Co., which was an important part of the city's economic development, and other aspects of early Wood River history.

The ceremony also will feature color guards from Scott Air Force Base and the Sons of the American Revolution.

There will be a display of all 50 state flags and 13 of the original American flags by Ralph Long of Highland, and the Municipal Band, featuring soloist C. Lon Smith, son of Mayor Lon and LaWanda Smith, will perform.

U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Bellefonte, will attend the ceremony, along with state Sen. Evelyn Bowles, D-Edwardsville.

They will help raise the U.S. and state flags.

After the ceremony people can visit the museum.

Michael Bloomfield will perform bugle calls, and salutes will be given by the Illinois Territorial Rangers and Captain Bowman's Company.

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## Benefit planned for Sunday

A benefit concert for Gregory "Pee Wee" Penrod will be held from 1 - 8 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at Shooters in Pontoon Beach.

Seven bands will perform. Door prices, food and drink will be available.

Cover charge will be a donation.

## •Briggs

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His undergraduate degree, which he received in 1969, was in business management, but he thought he'd try teaching for two years before going to law school.

"I got in it, tried it and never went to law school," Briggs said.

Though he didn't have a degree in teaching, he had applied for and received a provisional certificate, which allowed him to teach for two years, he said. He began in the fall of 1969 by teaching fifth grade in Granite City at Nameoki School, which no longer exists.

Through the experience, he said, he learned that he liked teaching and that he liked students.

So he returned to school and took all the teaching courses required of a teacher, then took classes to earn a master's degree in education and administration. That was in 1975. Eventually, he became the principal at Niedringhaus School in Granite City.

"I enjoyed the work," he said. "It was a lot of fun."

In 1985, Briggs received a specialist degree, and he continued to teach courses since then.

For the last 12 years, Briggs has been the regional superintendent of schools in Madison County.

"I plan to run for a term of office next year," he said. If he wins the seat in the election, "it would be the longest tenure of a person in this position in this county."

He attributes his success in education to his family.

"My family has been very supportive over the years, particularly my wife, (Clabbe), who is the principal at Maryville School in Granite City, and my daughter, who is the principal at Maryville School in Granite City. In addition, my grandfathers, who were in education, as was an aunt and an uncle, and my sister is a professor."

However, "getting into the political part of education was really tough," he said. "Now that I'm into it, and now that I'm here, I really enjoy it."

Briggs said he decided to join the political arena after working nine years as a principal.

"I felt like I needed to do more... to make things better," he said. "That's how I've felt. My uncle was the regional superintendent before I was." He added, "His name is Harold Briggs, and he was running for a term of office in that time in my career to do this, and I was elected in 1986."

One of the most immediate needs Briggs saw after winning the election was the regional superintendent's office, he said. He modernized it with computers to bring it up to date and expand services. As a result, the schools benefited and he was able to implement more programs for the educational facilities.

He also lobbied in Springfield for educational issues and developed "outstanding material" for teachers in addition to implementing a program on school safety for teachers.

Briggs currently is involved in a program that revolves around troubled students who create disturbances in the classroom. The program, when implemented, will put the students in another classroom where they will receive the type of education they need, he said.

As for financing the schools, Briggs supports a plan being prepared for the Illinois Legislature that would level property taxes, which pay for education, and increase income taxes.

"Many people who pay property taxes are senior citizens on a fixed income," Briggs said. "And it's becoming increasingly difficult to get bonds passed and more money for the schools."

He said he thinks that raising income taxes "is best."

"Property tax is the most unfair tax in this society," he said. "I believe that people who have worked and retired don't need to have their property taxes raised every year. Certainly those people don't deserve that."

Despite his activities concerning these issues, Briggs still finds time for hobbies.

"I play softball in the summertime," he said. "I'm not much of a golfer, though. I have a boxer dog, a female named Mollie. I like to play with it and I have season tickets to the St. Louis Rams. I have fun with my friends."

Briggs and Clabbe have two boys — Kyle and Harry. Kyle will be graduating from Granite City High School this year, and Harry is in college.

## Man gets 5-year sentence

A Granite City man was sentenced Tuesday to five years in a federal prison for robbing Central Bank in Collinsville.

Michael Wayne Fulkerson, 44, pleaded guilty in January to one federal count of bank robbery. He admitted to the Nov. 22, 1996, robbery of the bank, located at 501 Bellline.

According to prosecutors, Fulkerson walked into the bank, handed a teller a note demanding money while holding his right hand in his pocket as if he had a gun, and fled the bank with \$2,371.

Bank surveillance cameras captured Fulkerson's image, and his parole officers subsequently identified him.

## •Pontoon

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also choose to purchase additional coverage at their own expense.

Whitsett said former village treasurers Ray Gaudette and Judy Donaldson, and himself as treasurer and later as comptroller, routinely deducted the cost of premiums from the employees' pay.

But Crouch noted that the village overpaid by as much as \$25 a month for the additional coverage, which employees while it also failed to pay the minimum amount for others — including himself.

Apparently the insurance company did not receive the premium for many of the employees. According to a recent letter from the insurance company, the life policies for most of the employees has lapsed.

resulting in the village quit paying his premium in 1994, resulting in the village's lapse in 1995 after its cash value would no longer cover premium payments.

McGinnis suggested that village officials compile payroll records for each employee since the program was initiated to determine how much each is owed by the village.

But Whitsett noted that some employees may have received too much when the village paid for the voluntary additional coverage.

Gus Falter, chairman of the Finance Committee, said he had determined that each employee is probably owed about \$150 to cover payments that should have been made since December 1986.

Whitsett and Crouch agreed to review payroll records from August 1993 to December 1995 to determine what additional amounts may be owed to — or from — workers.

in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to the Trinity United Methodist Church of Granite City.

HALE, STEPHEN D. SR., 66, of Granite City died at 2:55 a.m. Friday, April 25, 1997, in Granite City following a 1½ year illness.

Services are scheduled for Monday, April 28, at Trinity United Methodist Church, 25th and Henry, Granite City, with the Rev. Doug Kaufman officiating.

Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Military Rites performed by Ritual Team Alton V.F.W. Post 1308 of Alton.

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Arrangements were handled by Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City.

BUCKS, JOHN W. SR., 56, of Granite City died at 6:25 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center following a five-year illness.

Services were held Friday, April 25, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Pontoon Beach, with the Rev. Doug Kaufman officiating.

Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association.

## Man to autograph WW II book

A former Alton man has written about an unexplored facet of World War II and will autograph his book, "Before the Bomb," Saturday in Alton.

John Chappell, 86, will be at B. Dalton Bookseller at Alton Square from 2-4 p.m. The hardback book, published by the University Press of Kentucky, will sell for \$24.95.

Chappell, son of Edie Chappell of Granite City and the late John E. Chappell, who died recently, is an assistant professor of history at Webster University in Webster Groves, Mo.

A 1980 graduate of Alton High School, Chappell earned his bachelor's degree in history from Illinois State University and his master's and doctoral degrees from Indiana University.

Through letters to the editor, commentaries, broadcasts, editorials and articles sent by ordinary citizens, government officials, Chappell analyzed public opinion during the summer of 1945. He wanted to know what people considered the best way to end the war against Japan.

"I surveyed the mood of the country," he said.

The author said he was surprised at his findings.

"Most Americans have said that the reason for using the bomb was the public wouldn't have accepted anything but unconditional surrender," Chappell said. But there was much more diversity in public opinion at the time than is generally acknowledged. Some even suggested the pursuit of diplomatic ways to encourage the Japanese to surrender."

The book grew out of Chappell's dissertation for his doctoral degree. He chose the topic because it hadn't been explored before.



## NEWS

## News in review

News in review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is designed for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record/Journals.

## Local groups aid victims

Three local charities and a local business are organizing an effort to assist victims in flooded areas of North Dakota. Protestant Welfare, The Salvation Army and Catholic Charities are spearheading the project to help residents in flood-ravaged North Dakota, where the Red River spilled over its banks last week.

"We've been there (experienced flooding)," said Denise Wright of Protestant Welfare. "We know what the situation is and we want to help."

"It's pay-back time."

Those wishing to contribute to the effort should bring cleaning supplies such as rubber gloves, brooms, mops, buckets, large trash cans, paper towels, liquid cleaning agents, detergents, dish soap, disinfectants, and diapers, baby care items and snack foods to a truck donated by the Lanter Co. parked at Schnuck's from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Ammonia or bleach-based cleaners cannot be transported.

## Fill ordered removed

The EPA has ordered a Pontoon Beach resident allegedly in violation of the Clean Water Act to remove fill from approximately five acres of wetlands on his property.

According to the EPA, the resident, Ron Shafer, has already received two violation and compliance orders from the Corps of Engineers before this most recent EPA order, issued March 7.

In a copy of the compliance order from the EPA, Dale Bryson, director of the EPA's Water Division, said the Corps of Engineers told Shafer on Dec. 13, 1990, to "cease and desist from further unauthorized activity at the site" after he had used "dump trucks and bulldozers to discharge about 31,300 cubic yards of earth, concrete and other debris into about five acres of wetlands."

Shafer then discharged about 12,600 cubic yards of additional earth into about two additional acres of wetlands on or before Jan. 11, 1991, Bryson said.

After the Corps issued another order on Jan. 22, 1991, to cease and desist unauthorized activity at the site, Shafer discharged at least 3,150 cubic yards of additional earth, asphalt, concrete and other debris into another half acre of wetlands on his property, Bryson said.

The EPA has ordered Shafer to "immediately cease further discharges of fill material into wetland on the site" and to submit a written certification of his intent to comply with this order.

In addition, the EPA has ordered Shafer to submit for EPA approval a "plan to restore the wetlands to their original condition and contours."

Shafer has 30 days to comply, Bryson said.

## Impersonation alleged

A 20-year-old Wood River man is accused of posing as a police officer in order to get free coffee and endear himself to female employees of a Granite City convenience store.

David Darrell Sorenson, of Carrollwood Drive, was charged with impersonating a police officer in a warrant issued Monday.

Bond was set at \$15,000.

Granite City police Chief Dave Ruebhausen said Sorenson admitted to telling employees of Huck's Convenience Store, 2430 Pontoon Road, that he is a police officer and wearing police clothes in the store.

## House OKs business plan

The Illinois House passed a business incentive plan last week that local representatives say would stop the movement of jobs to neighboring states.

The measure creates employment withholding tax credits for businesses creating 100 or more new jobs in Illinois if those companies are offered a similar incentive by another state.

Missouri, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Michigan have similar programs.

The bill moves on to the Senate.

## Beverly Farm grievances aired

Union officials complain to legislators about low pay rate

ALTON — Workers trying to get a labor contract with Beverly Farm told state legislators Monday that their employer should be held accountable for the \$15 million in taxpayers' money the facility gets each year.

Union officials told a legislative task force meeting in Alton that Beverly Farm should account for the difference between the \$9 an hour allocated by the state for wages and the roughly \$5 an hour employees actually receive.

Union organizer Chris Williams said Beverly Farm managers have given a variety of accounts of where the money goes, but none of it adds up to make any sense to the workers.

"Where is the money going?" Williams asked.

Workers and union representatives testified before the three-man task force, which reports to one of the Illinois House appropriations committees.

Workers said they continue to be underpaid and abused by the management, which continually breaks federal labor laws in dealing — or not dealing — with the union.

"I've been working at Beverly Farm for five years, and my daughter has worked at Shoe Circus for six months. I make \$5.73 an hour for taking care of people, and she makes \$6 an hour for selling shoes," testified Kathleen Watts, a worker at the Godfrey home and school.

Beverly Farm issued its last, best offer in January 1994 and withdrew union recognition shortly after members rejected the proposal.

Other workers had other complaints about Beverly Farm management.

Lester Ames, the president of AFSCME Local 3784, which represents 380 of the 600 Beverly Farm workers, said he was suspended Sunday for attempting to talk to parents of the home's 400 clients.

Ames said his suspension will be the subject of another in a series of unfair labor practice complaints filed by the local of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

The task force that met Monday at Alton City Hall is looking into a bill that would withdraw state support from organizations found guilty of major unfair labor practices.

Ames said he visited the Sunday meeting at Beverly Farm during his lunch hour and was told he was disrupting the meeting of parents, many of whom are from Missouri, and allow the state of Illinois to pay for the care of their children.

The Illinois taxpayers are supporting the children of parents who have turned a deaf ear to the needs of the people who are caring for their children," Ames said.

Members of the committee chaired by Beverly Farm management, including Executive Director Monte Welker, for not attending the hearing Monday.

"It is really unfortunate that representatives from Beverly

Farm did not appear. ... What are they afraid of? All we are doing is trying to get the facts and figures so we can set matters straight," said state Rep. Steve Davis, D-Bethalto, a member of the task force.

Welker previously said he wouldn't attend because the task force was a partisan affair operated by pro-union Democrats.

Although Welker sent a letter to the task force, the letter didn't answer all the questions the members had, said state Rep. Glenn Bradford, D-Glen Carbon, one of the panel's three members.

"Once again, Mr. Welker has provided figures that are of no use to this committee," Bradford said.

In the letter, Welker claimed Beverly Farm actually pays more than the state allocation for wages of direct care workers.

"Beverly Farm Foundation not only appropriately apprais all state public aid money for direct care staff but pays more than the state of Illinois does," Welker's letter said.

Williams said the union has sought meaningful figures

from both Beverly Farm and the Illinois Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, but without success. He said the letter from Welker was of little use.

"The problem is, you can't ask questions of a letter," Williams said.

Davis said the House already has passed two bills that may help workers at Beverly Farm and similar facilities.

One bill would force the facilities to pay their employees at rates commensurate with the amount they are being reimbursed by the state for wages. Under the state rate of \$9 per hour, as cited by AFSCME officials, the facilities would have to pay at a rate set by the state or have their reimbursement reduced by the difference.

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# SPORTS



Bob Emig

## Tryouts mark beginning of '97 Games

The Prairie State Games is less than two months away from its third stop in Southwestern Illinois, but the month of May may be almost as busy as the Finals competition the last weekend of June.

That's because of the tryouts that will be held throughout the area. Athletes wanting to be part of the elite teams in basketball, soccer and volleyball will have to step forward this month if they want to represent their region against the state's 11 other regions. There are four elite teams in each sport — Open Men and Open Women for competitors beyond the 12th grade and Scholastic Men and Scholastic Women for athletes in grades 8-12 during the 1996-97 school year.

Until this year, the Southern Region represented an area that stretched from the Metro East to the state's southernmost point at Cairo and cut across the state from east to west. The Southern Region has always been among the state's elite regions, especially in the two years the Games have been held in Southwestern Illinois, with Fairview Heights serving as the host city.

Now, the Southern part of the state will have a chance to triple its success as the dominant region both in numbers and talent. The region has been split into three — Southwestern North, Southwestern South and Southern. The Southwestern North will take in the counties of Madison, Jersey, Calhoun, Fayette and Bond. The Southwestern South will draw from the counties of St. Clair, Clinton, Monroe and Washington. The Southern Region will include 24 counties, with Carbondale, Mount Vernon and Centralia heading the list of the major cities.

Given past history, the Southwestern North, with the likes of Collinsville and Granite City, seems to have the edge in soccer. The Southwest South, with Belleville and the Clinton County towns in its region, seems to have the edge in volleyball.

The real dogfight should come in basketball. Depending on how well the teams promote their teams, any of the three regions could move to the forefront.

Creating the three regions in the southernmost part of the state was part of the state's reshuffling of boundaries, dividing them from eight to 12 to make the tryouts more accessible to athletes throughout the state.

The reorganization presents more opportunities for athletes to try out, because they won't have to travel as far for the tryouts or the practice sessions.

To take part in the tryout process, call the Prairie State Games office in Fairview Heights at 632-1002. Tryouts in some sports start as early as this Sunday.

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The elite sports are just part of the Prairie State Games. Illinois' largest amateur sports festival, which attracted almost 6,000 athletes to the Finals last year, has competition for all corners in most Olympic-style sports, including swimming, wrestling, track and field and the martial arts. The age range and ability levels vary, depending on the sport. For more information, call the PSG office at 632-1002.

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Another phase of the Prairie State Games is its popular festivals for basketball, soccer, volleyball and football.

The Hoops Fest has grown to 120 teams in three divisions for boys and girls — grades 5-6, 7-8 and 9-11 (high school). The 5-on-5 competition features some of the top competition in the state.

The Nike Soccer Fest always has strong area representation. It should be no different again this year for the IYSA-sanctioned tournament, which will be held on the campus of SIU-Edwardsville.

The Volley Fest, in its second year, is expected to keep growing.

To receive an application for any of the fests, call 632-1002.

(Bob Emig is a longtime sports correspondent who covers the Metro East.)



(Staff photos by JOHN FRESSE)

Crystal Timmons and GCHS will meet Nerinx Hall 4 p.m. today in the St. Dominic/Howell North Shootout.

## Kickers close in on Shootout semifinals

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

The Granite City Lady Warriors opened the sixth annual St. Dominic/Howell North Shootout with a pair of solid 3-0 wins on Monday and Tuesday, putting themselves in the driver's seat to reach the semifinals on Friday.

The top six teams in the Journal poll, and eight of the top 10, are part of the 12-team affair. The Lady Warriors (9-1) are ranked second behind No. 1 Incarnate Word in the poll.

The squads are grouped into three pools of four teams each. Teams receive three points for a win and one for a tie, one for scoring two or more goals and one for a shutout. The top team in each pool will play in the semifinals along with a wild card team with the most points.

GCHS has the maximum 10 points after the first two games and is almost a sure bet to reach the final four round. Ducheane 3-0 in the late game Monday evening.

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players making their respective plays with superior second effort.

Michelle Montgomery then sent a lob into the box, where Jennifer Williams headed in the goal to provide the final margin.

On Tuesday, GCHS crushed Francis Howell by the same 3-0 score. It was the Lady Warriors' eighth straight win. (See LADY WARRIORS, Page 3B)

## GCHS girls place 5th in County meet

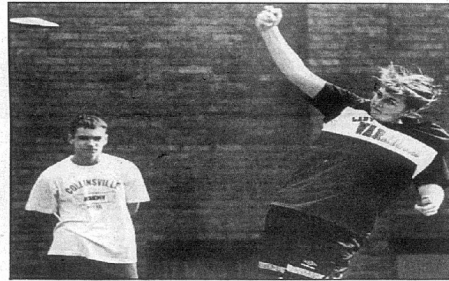
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The Lady Warriors may not have the across-the-board talent and depth of some other area track teams, but one thing is certain: Gene Briggs' improving meet by meet. And, in coach Gene Briggs' book, that spells success.

"Regardless of whether or not an individual places, regardless of where a team places in the meet, success is measured by improvement," Briggs said. "As long as we improve, as long as we keep establishing personal records — in individual and relay — our season is successful."

Granite City's successful spring campaign continued Monday afternoon at the Madison County Track Meet.

The Lady Warriors finished fifth, trailing only Edwards-



(Staff photo by JOHN SWISTAK JR.)

Alisa Monroe makes a throw in the discus. GCHS placed fifth in Monday's Madison County Track Meet.

GCHS finished with 57. Stephanie Brandt easily won the discus, outdistancing her nearest opponent by nearly 17 feet. Her throw of 124 feet, 7

Madison County Meet  
Girls (April 28)

Team Scores  
1. Edwardsville 136, 2. Highland 130, 3. Collinsville 106, 4. Alton 78, 5. Granite City 57, 6. Triad 53, 7. Civic Memorial 51, 8. Roxana 40, 9. Venice 25, 10. Wood River 16, 11. Metro East Lutheran 7, 12. Madison 2.

Individual Results  
High Jump: 1. Hickman (A) 4-6, 2. Pain (H) 4-6, Discus: 1. Brandt (GC) 124-7, 2. Shults (E) 108-2, Shot put: 1. Hogg (E) 35-9/16, 2. Shultz 34-0, Long jump: 1. Paul (E) 16-4 1/2, 2. Hickman 14-6 1/2, 300-meter relay: 1. Edwardsville 10:14.2, 2. Highland 10:40.3, 400 relay: 1. Alton 1:54.2, 2. Edwardsville 1:52.7, 3.200 relay: 1. Meyer (C) 1:36.7, 2. Gross (H) 1:38.7, 400 high hurdles: 1. Klosternann (H) 1:16, 2. Griffin (CM) 1:17, 100 y. 1. Zickus (C) 12-9, 2. Paul (E) 13-1, Triple jump: 1. Davis (CM) 32-8, 2. Tasse (C) 31-10, 800 — 1. Meyer (C) 2:19.6, 2. Semith (E) 2:28.8, 800 relay: 1. Triad 1:51.4, 2. Granite City 1:55.3, 400 y. 1. Zickus (C) 1:02.3, 2. Scott (WR) 1:04.0, 300 low hurdles: 1. Klosternann (H) 46.7, 2. Griffin (CM) 50.8, 1,600 — 1. Meyer (C) 5:14.3, 2. Semith (E) 5:22.2, 200 — 1. Klosternann (H) 37, 2. Rogers (V) 27.2, 1,600 relay: 1. Alton 4:22.6, 2. Highland 4:24.2.

inches gave the Lady Warriors their only first-place finish. (See TRACK, Page 3B)

## Tigers race to girls title

By Steve Porter  
Staff writer

The Edwardsville High girls track team gave itself a nice present Monday.

The Tigers wrapped up a championship package at the Madison County track meet. Edwardsville scored 136 points to shade Highland, the runner-up with 130 points. It was the Tigers' first major team title since they won last year's County crown.

"It's kind of a pleasant surprise," Edwardsville coach Warren "Babe" Semith said. "I know we don't beat Highland very often."

Neither does anyone else. The Bulldogs had won 19 straight county titles, 18 of them when the meet was divided into the Red Division (large schools) and Green Division (small schools).

Monday's meet was a one-division affair, featuring 12 schools. Highland was the defending Green Division champ and Edwardsville prevailed in the Red Division last spring.

"Amy Semith gave us a great effort and we did well in the distance races and field events," Stahlhut said. The Tigers were poised for a banner day.

"Coach Stahlhut said we could win it if we worked at it," Edwardsville's Krista Ahrens said. "And we really wanted it."

Teammate Jenny Svoboda added, "It just feels really good to win. We won it last year, but this year it was more competitive with everybody here."

The meet produced winners in all shapes and sizes. Edwardsville's Erin Paul took first in the long jump at 16-4 1/2, teammate Jada Hogg took the pole vault shot at 35-9 1/2 and the Tigers' 3,200-meter relay team of Nellie Schaul, Svoboda, Ahrens and Semith won its race in a school-record 10:14.3.

Semith was runner-up to Collinsville's Katie Meyer in the 800 and 1,600. Paul wound up second in the 100. Alton, meanwhile, exceeded its expectations.

"The kids did a tremendous job, considering we have only 14 girls on the team," Alton coach Bill Diddcock said. "They competed and that's what you need to do."

The Redbirds scored 78 points to finish fourth. Collinsville, backed by Meyer's three individual wins, was third with 105 points.

The boys portion of the meet was scheduled to be run in the one-division format Wednesday, also at Collinsville High.

## GCHS offense runs short in round robin

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

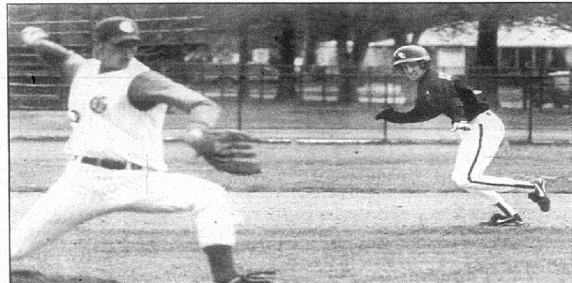
Granite City claimed one win in three games at last weekend's round robin tournament as the Warriors' bats, which had been full of fire on Friday, fizzled on Saturday.

Things started well as GCHS topped Civic Memorial 5-2 in the first game. But the Warriors' offense slowly faded on Saturday and fell short in losses to Greenville (6-2) and Jerseyville (3-1).

"We figured Greenville was pretty good," GCHS coach Gus Lignoul said.

Pretty good is right.

The Comets are now 18-1 and just about (See WARRIORS, Page 3B)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESSE)

Eric Edwards takes off on a hit and run play against Greenville during the GCHS Round Robin Tournament.

## Off-field concerns take forefront in coaching

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

This is the second of a five-part series, "The Hidden Side of Coaching," an examination of what goes on for high school coaches behind the scenes and away from the playing field.

According to nine area coaches with a combined 183 years coaching experience in the Metro East, and with nearly 250 total years working as educators in area school systems, the vast majority of a coach's investment of time and effort is away from practice and game situations.

Though coaches must deal with the frustrations of critics

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and clinics, meetings and the media, the most time-consuming and emotionally draining aspect of their jobs is helping their student-athletes with their problems, which are ever-increasing in both number and intensity.

"Kids face more problems today than ever," said Roxana football coach Charlie Raich. "When I first started in coaching 40 years ago, we had very few broken homes. Now there are many broken homes. In many cases there are families with only one parent where both the parent and the child

are working hard just trying to survive."

"The child doesn't leave these problems behind when he comes to school or when he comes out for a sport. Eventually, these problems make their way to us and we must invest time in these problems for the sake of our kids."

Problems faced by young people today are many and immense. Aside from broken homes, coaches spoke of lack of parental support, family conflict, smoking, drinking, drug abuse, poverty, teenage pregnancy, teenage fatherhood, and a lot of things on their minds. Things happening

school and practices, violence, murder, and the many things that distract young people today.

Coaches both black and white, from both affluent and economically depressed regions, spoke of the same problems.

"These are all of our problems," said Nino Fennoy, the girls' track coach at Lincoln High School. "And we must all work together to solve them."

Clinton Harris, the boys basketball coach at Venice High School, said, "It's hard for our kids today. There's a lot of distractions a lot of things on their minds. Things happening

(See COACHING, Page 3B)

# STATS STUFF



GCHS freshmen Kevin Atkins, Josh Peacher, Rich Skirball and Chris Metz broke the record for the 3,200-meter relay in the O'Fallon Freshman Invitational this season. The Warriors ran the event in 8:51, breaking the mark of 9:09 set in 1982.

## FISHING

Missouri Department of Conservation  
STATEWIDE FISHING REPORT

April 24

### EAST CENTRAL REGION

Bush Memorial Conservation Area Lake

33-57 degrees, normal, murky; largemouth bass fair on spinnerbaits and crankbaits; crappie good on minnows; all other species slow.

**RIVERS**

Big River: 59 degrees, 5 to 8' high, clear; suckers and carp fair on worms; crappie, below old mill dam, fair on minnows; all other species slow.

Bourbeuse: 51 degrees, normal, clear; crappie good on minnows; goggle-eye and drum good on worms; all other species slow.

Mernace (below Eureka): 57 degrees, high, dingy; bass and catfish fair on natural bait; all other species slow.

Mernace (above Sullivan): 56 degrees, normal, clear; bass and goggle-eye good on natural bait; sucker grabbing live worms and is good.

Missouri (Below New Haven): 58 degrees, high, dingy; catfish fair on nightcrawlers and cut bait; drum fair on worms; crappie fair on minnows; all other species slow.

**TRIBUTARIES**

Marmac Spring: 57 degrees, normal, clear; trout good.

### CENTRAL REGION

Blind: 60 degrees, normal, clear; bass good on all baits; crappie fair on minnows; all other species slow.

Lake of the Ozarks (Bagnell Tailwater): 49 degrees, normal, murky; crappie fair, all other species slow.

Lake of the Ozarks (Glaze): 56 degrees, 85° above sea level (66° normal level); murky, catfish, crappie and black bass good; all other species fair.

Lake of the Ozarks (Gravely): 56 degrees, 85° above sea level (66° normal level); clear, crappie good; black bass fair; catfish and white bass slow.

Lake of the Ozarks (Niangus): 58 degrees, 85° above sea level (66° normal level); murky, black bass fair on minnows and top water lures; white bass fair on live bait; crappie fair but mostly using minnows and jigs in shallows and around brush; walleye and catfish slow.

Lake of the Ozarks (Osage): 56 degrees, 85° above sea level (66° normal level); murky, crappie, black bass and catfish good; all other species fair.

**RIVERS**

Big Niangua (Above the Park): 52 degrees, normal, clearing; all species fair to good.

Big Piney (Lower, below Slabtown): 59 degrees, above normal, clear; all species fair on natural bait.

Gasconade (Middle, near Waynesville): 59 degrees, above normal, clear; all species fair on natural baits.

Osage (Lower, at Tumbula): 50 degrees, normal, murky; catfish fair; all other species slow.

### TRIBUTARIES

Bennett Spring (Graham, trout good).

### NORTH CENTRAL REGION

Long Branch: 48 degrees, high, dingy, all species slow.

Thomas Hill: 54 degrees, high, muddy, all species slow.

Blind Prey: 57 degrees, full but dingy; largemouth bass, black bass, crappie and spinnerbaits; catfish fair on cut chad and worms; all other species slow.

Lake Pano: 52 degrees, 9° above full pool, murky, all species slow.

**RIVERS**

Charlton: High, all species slow.

Grand Tower: High, dingy, all species slow.

Lamine: High, muddy; channel catfish fair; all other species slow.

Missouri (Below): High, muddy; all species slow.

### NORTHEAST REGION

Hunnswell: 54 degrees, 3° above normal, dingy; crappie good on minnows, and spinnerbaits; bass fair on spinnerbaits, catfish fair on cut chad; all other species slow.

Little Dixie: 50 degrees, full pool, clear; catfish excellent on live bait; crappie fair on jigs and minnows; bass fair on spinnerbaits.

Mark Twain: 52 degrees, 7° high, muddy; crappie fair in 27' depths in warmer coves on dark colored jigs; all other species slow.

Sewer: 52 degrees, full pool, clear; catfish excellent on worms; crappie good on minnows in 10' depths; bass good on crankbaits and black spinners; all other species slow.

**RIVERS**

Mississippi (above St. Louis): 50 degrees, 4° above flood stage, muddy; water too high for any fishing.

Salt (Below Mark Twain): 48 degrees, high, muddy; all species slow.

### NORTHWEST REGION

Mozingo: 55 degrees, 1° above normal, slightly murky; bass fair using jigs or spinnerbaits; all other species slow.

Pony Express: 54 degrees, full pool, slightly murky; catfish good using cut baits at 10' depths; all other species slow.

Need Area: 56 degrees, all lakes full and slightly muddy; channel catfish fair at Cool, Neil and Gopher lakes using shad or live bass fair at Cool, Gopher, Beadwork and Bluewater lakes using crankbaits along weedbeds and brush piles; bluegill fair at all lakes using worms near the brush piles along the banks; crappie fair at Gopher and Beadwork lakes using tube jigs, minnows and worms.

Smithville: 52 degrees, normal, 1.5° clarity; bass fair near rocky shore; all other species slow.

### RIVERS

Missouri (Below): 50 degrees, above normal, flooding in some areas, muddy; carp and channel catfish fair on worms in the slower water.

### OSAGE REGION

Bull Shoals (Leavelle): 53 degrees, 7.2° above normal, dingy; black bass fair on spinnerbaits and jigs; crappie fair on minnows and jigs; all other species slow.

Clearwater: 59 degrees, 4° above normal, slightly murky; bass fair on Rapala's and minnows; all other species slow.

Norfolk: 58 degrees, 4.7° above normal, slightly murky; bass good on lizards, suspended Rogies and spinnerbaits; crappie and white bass fair on minnows and jigs; all other species slow.

**RIVERS**

Big Piney (Upper): 57 degrees, 6° above normal, clear; all species slow.

Black Upper: 56 degrees, 11° below normal, clear; black bass, white bass fair on artificial and natural baits; all other species slow.

Big Piney (Lower): 59 degrees, 10° below normal, clear; all species slow.

Current: 54 degrees, 1° below normal, dingy; all species slow.

Elven Point: 58 degrees, 11° below above normal, clear; all species slow.

Baile: all other species fair on natural bait.

Gasconade: 59 degrees, 9° above normal, slightly dingy; all species slow.

Trout Creek: 56 degrees, 10° below normal, clear; all species slow.

Current: 54 degrees, 1° below normal, dingy; all species slow.

Elven Point: 58 degrees, 11° below above normal, clear; all species slow.

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Big Piney (Upper): 57 degrees, 6° above normal, clear; all species slow.

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### WAPPAPPEL

Lake level: 362.3; discharge: 2740 CFS, tailwater: 331.7; above sea level: catfish good; bluegill good on crickets; crappie fair on minnows and jigs; bass fair, all other species slow.

**NOTE:** On the waters of Wappapelle Lake and its tributaries, all walleye and sauger must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught. Anglers are encouraged to harvest bass under 11" (daily limit) to reduce the numbers of small bass in Wappapelle Lake.

**RIVERS**

Castor (above Zaima): Clear, normal; bass and goggle-eye fair; all other species slow.

Mississippi (below Charleston): 52 degrees, rising, muddy; all species slow.

St. Francis (below Wappapelle): 52 degrees, high, murky; all species slow.

St. Francis (below Wappapelle): Clear, normal; bass good on minnows; goggle-eye good on minnows; all other species slow.

On the waters of the St. Francis River and its tributaries above Wappapelle Dam, all walleye and sauger must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.

### SHOALS REGION

Lake level: 50 degrees, 6° above power pool, clear; white bass good; all other species slow.

Table Rock: 60 degrees, 1° low, clear; black bass fair to good early and late on topwater lures, crankbaits, grub and spinner baits; crappie fair, white bass fair; sunfish fair; catfish fair on live bait and trotlines; all other species slow.

Taneytown: 48 degrees, normal, clear; most fishermen report catches of rainbow trout ranging from 11-13 inches while drifting or trotting with worms; powercat.

**RIVERS**

James River (Lower): 58 degrees, normal, clear; bass and bluegill fair on worms and artificial lures.

**TRIBUTARIES**

Roaring River: Clear, normal; trout good.

### WEST CENTRAL

Montrose: 55 degrees, slightly muddy, normal pool; catfish good using natural baits; black bass good using spinnerbaits, plastic worms and jigs and plug; all other species slow.

Pomme de Terre: 58 degrees, 2° high, clear, crappie excellent around shorelines and docks using jigs and minnows; black bass good using spinnerbaits, plastic worms and jigs; catfish good using natural baits; bluegill good at 2-10' depths in coves and off points using a variety of lures; bluegill good at 2-10' depths around shorelines and docks using minnows; muskie good at 2-10' depths; white bass, white bass fair using white jigs.

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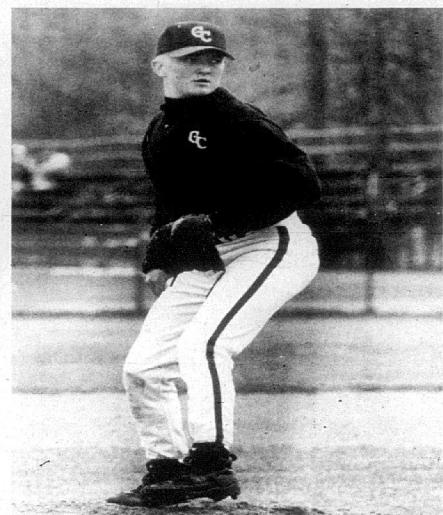
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Chris Fiala delivers a pitch during the GCHS Round-Robin Tournament last weekend. The Warriors play at Collinsville in a 4:15 p.m. game today.

## RACING

NASCAR Race Schedule

Broadcasts on WRYT/AM 1080

May

4 Save Mart 300.....2:45 p.m.

10 Stanley 200.....noon

18 Meridian Adv. 200.....11:45 a.m.

18 Winston Select.....2:45 p.m.

24 Red Dog 300.....11:30 a.m.

29 Dover 200.....noon

June

1 Miller 500.....11:30 a.m.

7 Winston 300.....3:45 p.m.

8 Pocono 500.....11:45 a.m.

15 Miller 400.....11:45 a.m.

22 California 500.....TBA

29 Lysol 200.....11:30 a.m.

July

5 Pepsi 400.....9:45 a.m.

6 Sears Auto Center 250.....12:45 a.m.

12 Carolina Pride 250.....3:45 p.m.

13 Jiffy 300.....11:45 a.m.

20 Miller 500.....11:45 a.m.

26 Gateway 300.....TBA

September

7 Miller 400.....noon

14 New Hampshire 300.....11:45 a.m.

20 MBNA 200.....noon

21 MBNA 200.....noon

28 Hanes 500.....11:30 a.m.

October

4 All Pro 300.....11:30 a.m.

12 DieHard 500.....11:30 a.m.

19 California 300.....TBA

26 AC Delco 200.....12:45 p.m.

28 AC Delco 400.....11:30 a.m.

November

2 DuraLube 500.....12:45 p.m.

9 Miami 200.....11:30 a.m.

16 NAPA 500.....11:30 a.m.

## Journal Writers' Poll

### Baseball



## •Coaching

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at home, at school, in the community, in their neighborhoods, with their friends...so many things on their minds. Some nights, at some of the games, even while the kids are playing basketball, they don't even have the game on their minds. The fans just see a kid having an off night.

"But, I look them in the eye, I talk directly with them, I see them like they're in space somewhere. Their mind is on the problem. In a game, all you can do is try to coach through that problem. After the game, you're back to trying to solve the problem."

"To have a 16-year-old focused totally on softball, mentally ready game in and game out, is very hard, if not impossible," said Belleville East softball coach Rita Menke. "The girls carry the problems onto the field. It's hard for kids to block out their problems when they cross the white lines onto the playing field. Kids today face so many problems, have so many distractions and obligations away from the sport itself, that coaching the game, like playing the game, is much more difficult. So much of coaching is attempting to help the players with and through their problems."

"Problems are constant, they are a given," said Madison basketball coach Al Collins. "I tell our kids to look to the game or to look to state, but they look at their problems and wonder how they are sup-

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—Bob Shannon  
Alton football coach

posed to see anything else. It's hard for kids to look beyond their problems to something else, like a basketball game. It's hard for them to get through their problems and go on to something else."

Alton football coach Bob Shannon said, "As a coach, I am concerned that kids today are not the same caliber of kids that I dealt with 15 years ago. The problems kids face today put incredible pressure on them. There's a lot of things out there that we, as coaches, are concerned about. A lot of good kids are trapped in circumstances essentially beyond their control."

"It would be a lot easier if teachers, coaches, parents, friends and the community were all telling the kids the same things, each reinforcing the same values. But, that's not the way it is anymore. There's a huge amount of conflict in kids' lives today. They

are torn numerous directions. They are hearing so many voices, it makes it hard for them to hear a coach. It makes it hard for them to hear someone who really wants to help them."

Collins agrees, but feels that adults must take responsibility and not lay the blame entirely at the feet of the teenager.

"We as adults allowed these things to happen in our communities — this whole mess we're asking our kids to grow up in now," he said. "It's our fault, not theirs. We as a group of people, as a group of adults, saw these things coming and did nothing. Or, at least, we did very little. Then we turn around and criticize our athletes because they're not playing well. We criticize our students, our kids, because they don't mind, they aren't motivated, they talk back, they do bad things. But we are the ones who allowed too much in from the outside, too many distractions, too many problems."

"The kids didn't put these things there. We did. But then we expect them to be perfect players or grow up to be perfect people. We expect them to beat these things down and beat them back. But they can't do that without help. Tragically, it seems that only those kids who have the help overcome our kids are bogged down and can't see the way out for their problems. And it is largely our fault. Therefore, it is our responsibility to help. There's not a coach worth his salt who is not invested in helping his kids overcome their problems."

## •Lady Warriors

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and ninth in 10 starts this season. Both teams looked tired early on, showing the effects of having played the late matches on Monday only to return for Tuesday's early game.

"This was our first game of the year where the heat was a factor a little bit, I think," said GCHS coach Gene Baker. "I thought we looked a little tired. Of course, so did they."

GCHS kept the ball on the offensive end of the field most of the first 40 minutes.

The first shot on goal for either team came at 30:24, when Carrie Simpson dribbled down the center of the field and into the box. Simpson passed to Erika Todd, who was streaking in on the left wing and beat the goalie near the left end post for a 1-0 lead.

GCHS had four other near scores in the first half.

At 46:00, Roxie Simpson dribbled in on goal from the left and into the open, where she was tripped and stripped of the ball. She was fouled and play continued with the Vikings working the ball upfield. Simpson remained where she had fallen and, at the next whistle, left the game, favoring her left shoulder. She did not return until the start of the second half.

Off a throw-in at 11:05, Montgomery faked left, darted right and smoked a shot from 16 yards. It barely missed high and center.

Again off a throw-in, this one at 9:20, Todd dribbled past three opponents and into the box where she fired from 15 yards, missing to the left.

And, at 8:07, Todd broke free and cut to the goal, only to have her shot broken up by a spectacular sliding tackle from behind.

Howell's lone shot on goal in the first half came on a harmless trickle with 2:35 remaining, and was easily handled by Shannon Roth.

Despite total dominance by the Lady Warriors, the score was still 1-0 deep into the second half.

Finally, Todd assisted Mohsen, whose shot at 67:00 bounced off a defender and cornered, completely fooling the Vikings' freshman keeper.

Crystal Timmons finished the scoring with only two minutes remaining on a close-in shot off a feed from Montgomery.

In all, the Lady Warriors had seven shots on goal to only two for the Vikings (8-6-1).

"Our backfield was so stable this afternoon," Baker said. "They would not allow chances. Christal Timmons was

flawless. I thought she really did a good job on her girl, Michelle Montgomery was attacking the entire afternoon. And Amanda Nizinski played great, especially in the first half."

The defense was indeed stable, perhaps suffocating. Ten different players made open field tackles, led by four from Jaime Dellbringe and three from Montgomery. Simpson had a huge tackle late in the first half inside the box, in front of Roth.

The Lady Warriors allowed the Vikings only two shots on goal and one corner kick.

"We wanted to get a shutout and we got a shutout," Baker said. "We're in the hunt."

The hunt continues at 4 p.m. today as Baker's troops meet highly regarded Nerinx Hall, ranked 10th in the area. Nerinx Hall defeated Francis Howell 2-1 on Monday and tied Duchesne 2-2 on Tuesday.

The tie means Nerinx Hall must not only beat but shut out GCHS to keep the Lady Warriors from winning Pool C. The semifinals are 4 p.m. Friday, and the finals are scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday.

Granite City's last trip to the semifinals was in 1994, when the Lady Warriors finished third. GCHS placed second in 1994 and won the inaugural Shootout in 1992.

## •Track

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Beth Feenstra placed fifth with a heave of 85.3.

"Stephanie is getting closer to where she needs to be to contend for a state title," Briggs said. "As I said before, it will probably take a throw of 140 feet to win state."

Brandt threw 136-3 in a meet at Collinsville on April 21. Though school records going back more than three years have not been found, the throw is believed to be the best in school history.

Brandt's toss of 31-7 in the shot put was good for a sixth-place finish. Feenstra placed seventh, throwing 31-5-4.

Becky Bargiel also had an exceptional meet, placing in 10th events. Bargiel placed third in the 100 dash with a time of 13 seconds flat. Her

time of 27.8 in the 200 was good for fourth.

As the anchor of the 400 relay team, she helped the Lady Warriors secure a third-place finish. And, her anchor leg run in the 800 relay gave GCHS a second-place finish (1:55.2), less than two seconds off Triad's winning pace.

Crystal Timmons placed fourth in the 100-meter hurdles (17.06) and eighth in the 300 hurdles (53.4). Sarah Johnson placed eighth in the high jump (4 feet).

The Lady Warriors fared well in other recent meets. On Collinsville, on April 21, GCHS fell to the Kahoks 58-40.

Highlights included Brandt's record-setting performance in the discus as well as her first-place finish in the shot put.

The 400 and 800 relay teams also placed first.

Placing second in individual events were Colleen Woods in the high jump (13-11 1/2), Feenstra in the discus (80-8), Sarah Johnson in the high jump (4-1) and Griffith in the 200 (28.8 seconds).

Alison Monroe (discus), Monique Wright (long jump, 100 hurdles), Michelle Copeland (high jump), Monica Wright (1,600), Stephanie Norlen (400) and Heather Ackerman (800) each placed third.

In a triangular meet with Cahokia and Belleville East on April 22, the Lady Warriors finished third as a team. But Brandt again won the discus (118-6) and was second in the shot put (31-4). Feenstra was second in the discus (101-9).

Griffith covered 100 meters in 17.1 seconds to place second, and Wright took third in the long jump with a leap of 13-10.

## •Warriors

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everyone's choice as the best Class A team in the area.

"We thought we'd do a little better," Lignou said. "But we didn't. We scored three runs all of Saturday. That doesn't get the job done."

The Warriors (6-9, 2-5 SWC) have been streaky on offense all season, sometimes going long stretches without much hitting. Adding to the Warriors' concerns is the fact that the GCHS pitching staff is currently only two men deep.

"When (Dustin) Brewer and (Mike) Ahlvers pitch, we're pretty good," Lignou said. "But when we don't pitch those kids, you can't have a great batting average."

Ahlvers, a senior lefthander, was expected to be the ace of the staff and has pitched well. Brewer, a junior righthander, has also thrown well, but is recovering from an injury.

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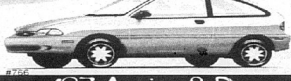
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**Thursday, May 1**  
The moon enters wise Pisces this evening, turning up the psychic wavelengths so astute listeners can hear them. As Venus (love) squares Jupiter (luck), a wave of unsettled energy washes over us. Clever wing love relationships will see that extra energy, but be careful who you consult. Private guests should be kept secret until you are sure of yourself — or the someone's reputation may be hurt unnecessarily.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
Watch Aries with respect and understanding of others. Your friendship with a college friend will border on love. Keep in close contact with your parents and siblings. A Libra can provide answers when others come up dry.

**CAPRICORN (April 20-May 20)**  
Have confidence in your business partner — it makes things easier. A meeting with a contact could develop into love. Couples ask deep questions of one another. A may be for spring is expected — shop now!

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21)**  
Do not let self-doubt hinder your success in any area of life. Try not to reason with negativity — just walk away. Choose a definite direction for your future now and peace of mind will follow. Start reading more.

**CANCER (June 22-July 23)**

Night work generates appreciation. It is time to make peace with a certain overbearing man in your life. Love can have a confusing air of formality — this is actually a fantastic sign of deep respect. A Pisces puts your heart at risk.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
You can't lose when you resolve to develop expression and communication skills. Your input in a new project will be recognized. An old friend asks for money — give only what you can afford to lose. You will encourage friends.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 1)**  
1. Career moves that were merely dreams last year will happen in the next three months. June brings focus to issues of platonic and passionate love. You hit it off blissfully with a Capricorn or Aquarius. Married couples collaborate to meet financial goals in August. A new addition to the family this winter brings everyone closer. The best months for money are January and February.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
A raise will make your work even more enjoyable, so just ask. Plan a getaway to rekindle the flames of a too-familiar love. Social networks expand career options. You're in demand on the domestic front.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**  
Well-informed contacts improve your profit. It's time

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to ask directly for what you want. The perfect combination of friends makes a weekend dinner a success. A seductive encounter happens at the gym.

**SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov. 21)**  
Guilt should not interfere with your decisions regarding your mate. Keep working hard — you'll be promoted when you are truly ready to handle extra responsibility. Be honest about heart choices and rewards will follow.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
Your cheerfulness and honesty will attract your true love. Give money to your

favorite charity. Respect your mate's privacy, and believe in his or her love for you. Your conversations with a troubled friend will help immensely.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
Trust in your talents and your career will blossom. Invite your beloved to a classical concert. A powerful person will choose you as his or her confidant. You could make a mint under a Leo's instruction.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
An introduction to a new business partner comes via an old friend. Differences of philosophy should be discussed but not argued. Take back the power by distinguishing between what you can change and what you cannot.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
Don't get involved in a dispute between colleagues. Taking a small chance increases your bank account. A pious individual wants social guidance. You'll have luck in unfamiliar territory — drag along a Gemini.

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## 'Saint' is uninvolved

Let's see now, wasn't the saint to cold fusion discredited some time ago?

No matter. It turns up as the motivating factor of "The Saint," a high-tech attempt to revive the rogue hero of Leslie Charteris' novels, B movies and television.

It seems that a precocious American scientist (Elisabeth Shue) at Oxford University has cracked the secret of cold fusion and plans to offer it as a gift to solve the world's energy crisis. But a nouveau Russian billionaire named Tretak (Val Kilmer) has other ideas. He aims to steal the formula and use it to help fulfill his dreams for a new Russian empire.

The greedy industrialist hires the thief extraordinaire Kilmer to steal the formula. Kilmer, using his wits, disguises himself as a scientist. The Saint plots ways of value to fatten his Swiss bank account, now reaching his goal of \$50 million. He seduces the beautiful scientist and snatches the formula of paper that contain her formula.

After delivering the goods, the Saint suffers an attack of conscience. He decides to thwart the billionaire's plan to acquire all of Russia.

The plot of "The Saint" is much more complex than can be related here. It is no more preposterous than most action films, but it is strangely uninvolved.

The obligatory elements are there: the chase through underground conduits, the revelation of computer screens, the trailing of gasoline lines to trigger an explosion, the rooftop pursuit.

Also familiar is the dialogue: "I really love this guy; too bad we have to kill him." "Who are you?" and "No one really knows, least of all me."

Kilmer is watchable in any film he makes, and his disguise provide amusement (as a heavy poet he sounds like his friend Marlon Brando). Shue, however, so admirable in "Leaving Las Vegas," has a less rewarding role here and doesn't quite make the switch from bookie to physicist.

Croatian actor Rade Serbed

zija brings authority to his portrayal of the Russian megalomaniac, and Russian Valery Nikolaev is sneeringly effective as his villain son. Australian Phillip Noyce, who scored with "Patriot Games" and "Clear and Present Danger," knows how to keep the action going, but has less success with the intricacies of the script by Jonathan Hensleigh and Wesley Strick. The Paramount Pictures release has no less than four producers and two executive producers, including such notables as Robert Evans, David Brown and Mace Neufeld. —Associated Press

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## NEWS

## Powell to be here for fair

By Jim Merkel  
Staff writer

Colin Powell is ready. So are Rep. Richard Gephardt, D-3rd Dist., Sen. Christopher "Kit" Bond, R-Mo., and about 94 organizations that will be present at the Neighbor to Neighbor Volunteer Fair on Saturday, May 3, at Crestwood Plaza.

Powell, who served as general chairman of the President's Summit for America's Future April 27 through 29 in Philadelphia, is scheduled to speak at the fair some time in mid-afternoon.

However, as of Journal press time, a time had not been confirmed.

What is confirmed is the overwhelming response to the bipartisan event being put on by Gephardt and Bond.

Craig Jones, coordinator of Neighbor to Neighbor, said from the President's Summit for America's Future April 29, "We've had to say no to over 100 organizations that wanted to participate in the fair."

The fair is set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"The response from the volunteer organizations has been terrific. We should have a full house at Crestwood Plaza," said Chris Keuleman, a spokesman for Gephardt.

"We strongly encourage everyone to join Congressman Gephardt and Sen. Bond and General Powell to find out how we can give back a little bit more of ourselves to the community," Keuleman said.

Among the non-profit organizations that will be at the fair are Feed My People, Mid-East Area Agency on Aging, Ronald McDonald House Charities and United Way of Greater St. Louis.

## Olestra has some drawbacks

In order to keep our readers informed about the latest medical advances, the Granite City Press-Record has teamed up with St. Elizabeth Medical Center to provide readers with the information they need to know about their health. "Well Aware 2000" is a regular feature of the newspaper. Each issue features community physicians discussing groundbreaking and relevant health care topics.

The focus is on information readers can use to educate themselves, prevent illness and improve their current health. We welcome your letters, questions and comments. Let us know your concerns and we will try to address them.

Have you heard the news? Potato chips that taste like the real thing without a single calorie from fat have arrived. This is what the newly approved fat substitute, Olestra, promises.

The new chips with the first friable "fake fat" will have about half the calories of regular chips. You will, however, have to wait until later this year to taste them. Procter and Gamble is

## WELL AWARE 2000

planning to license Olestra under the brand name "Olean". The company plans to use Olean in its own Pringles potato chips as well as license it to other companies for use in snacks.

Procter and Gamble has invested \$200 million in developing, studying and testing Olestra. It is projected that the annual market for all Olestra-containing foods could be worth \$10 billion within 10 years.

The big question is: Is it worth the wait?

Despite what sounds like a dream come true, Olestra has some drawbacks, according to Tammy Cook, a registered dietitian on staff at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Here's the scorecard: Pros — no calories, no fat absorbed by the body, cholesterol free, suitable for deep frying, and tastes OK. Cons — absorbs fat-soluble vitamins A, D, E, and K; absorbs carotenoids; diarrhea and cramping in some people;

anal leakage (rare); and slight aftertaste.

Olestra is a synthetic fat molecule that is too large to be absorbed by the body, so it passes through undigested. It isn't surprising then that if you eat moderate to large amounts of Olestra, you are likely to experience loose stools and lose valuable nutrients, Cook said.

The Food and Drug Administration acknowledged these drawbacks when it approved this fat-free product by requiring all foods containing Olestra to display a warning label. It reads:

"This product contains Olestra. Olestra may cause abdominal cramping and loose stools. Olestra inhibits the absorption of some vitamins and other nutrients. Vitamins A, D, E and K have been added."

The biggest health concern is not the potential for diarrhea; it is the effect it has on cartenoids, Cook said. Cartenoids are fat-soluble

substances found in fruits and vegetables. They are associated with a lower risk of some cancers and other degenerative diseases.

Diarrhea and anal leakage — Olestra may go through the intestinal tract so quickly that it "leaks" out. This occurs in only a few people. However, one study did show these problems occurred with as little as 16 chips or eight grams of Olestra a day.

Will Olestra solve our nation's problem with excessive fat and calorie consumption?

Cook says it is highly unlikely, especially if our experience with artificial sweeteners is any guide. In the 1980s, sugar consumption actually rose and obesity rates increased by 50 percent after sugar substitutes were available on the market. Some experts believe Olestra will reinforce a cycle for that because it is so similar to the real thing.

Many Americans believe a fat-free food is the "green light" to eat as much as they want without regard for calorie content. Studies using Olestra-containing foods show that people did decrease the percent of calories from fat, but did not decrease total calories. They made up for the missing fat by eating more carbohydrate-containing foods. As one researcher explained: "It's quite analogous to the cigarette smoker who, when offered low-nicotine cigarettes, just smokes more of them."

Procter and Gamble's response to these findings was "Olean is a replacement for fat, not for common sense."

Common sense may fly out the window in the presence of these tasty, fat-free snacks.

Cook said we are becoming a nation of fake foods. The more fake foods we eat, she said, the less we eat real foods brimming with a full range of nutrients. Remember, there is no magical way to lose weight or prevent certain diseases. It requires practicing balance, variety and moderation with our lifestyle behaviors.

For additional information about nutrition services and consultations, call Cook in the Food and Nutrition Department, 798-3492.

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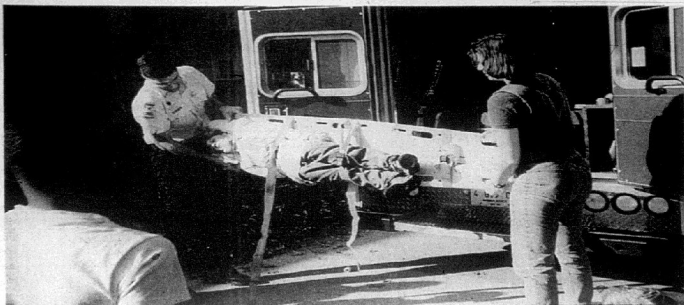
At St. Elizabeth, people in need of care are more than mere numbers. They're moms and dads injured on the job or at home. They're children with broken arms or infants with pneumonia. They're grandmothers and grandfathers suffering from diabetes, heart disease or a myriad of health problems associated with growing older.

They're people like Judy Wright, 34, a part-time postal worker in Granite City who credits the center's physicians and staff with saving her life. Her daughter, Amanda, recently suffered a head injury falling from her bike. The stress of the situation on Wright triggered a severe asthma attack. She came to the Koch center and received immediate treatment and relief.

"If it hadn't been for the care I received there, I'd probably be dead," she said. Wright received public aid until recently and could not afford large medical bills. The Koch center accepts public aid, Medicaid and Medicare and even has a sliding payment schedule to fit a patient's financial situation.

Koch Family Health Center Office Manager Linda Harp said, "We have never refused anyone because of their ability to pay. We can work out just about any payment plan." A large portion of Koch center funding comes from contributions from the annual St. Elizabeth Medical Center WINGS community campaign. The 1977 fund drive is currently under way.

## FAMILY



Above, Abbott Lifeforce employee Jeff Miller, assisted by Cindy Leavell, shows Adam Spiroff the safety of the spine board. Watching in front is Dion Hardin. Below Holy Family students pose in front of the ambulance.

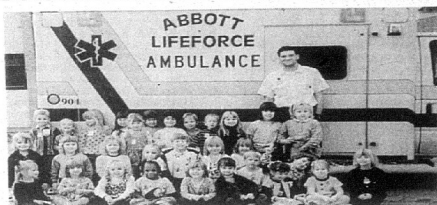
## Students get education in trauma care

The Holy Family Learning Center was recently visited by an Abbott Lifeforce ambulance.

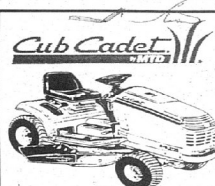
The visit was arranged by H.F.L.C. manager Cindy Yooby and Abbott Lifeforce employee Jeff Miller. The purpose of the visit was to introduce the children to Emergency Medical Services, and to educate them on how to prevent injuries commonly associated with their age group.

A demonstration of a child victim of trauma (such as a fall or car accident) was shown to the children. It was done by placing a three year old volunteer on the stretcher and demonstrating common equipment used in such an incident. The children were also able to walk through the ambulance to see and ask questions regarding the equipment inside. Following the demonstration, the children had a discussion and question session regarding safety.

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Sometimes fathers contact this office and inquire about the possibility of reducing their child support obligation. In some cases, these men were not represented by an attorney at the time of the original divorce. They frequently indicate that they merely agreed to a sum of child support without considering what they could afford. Several months later, many fathers in this situation realize they are paying more than other men in similar circumstances. They then inquire about a possible reduction in support.

How does a father know if the amount of child support he agreed to is excessive? Illinois law provides that the Court shall determine the minimum amount of support by using certain guidelines. A father with one child is to pay a minimum of 20% of his net income toward child support. Two children will require a minimum of 25% of the supporting party's net income.

It should be noted, however, that just because a supporting spouse entered into a bad agreement at the time of the divorce does not necessarily mean that he can subsequently have the amount of support reduced. In order for a supporting party to

modify child support, he or she must show a substantial change in circumstances. A father who feels he is paying too much support would have to show that he is making less money or his ex-wife is making substantially more. He also could attempt to show that the needs of the child were not as great as they were previously.

Recently a man came to this office one year after he was divorced. He indicated that at the time the marriage was dissolved, he never consulted with his own attorney. His former wife convinced him to agree to child support which was 33% higher than the minimum standards provided by the guidelines. He inquired about the possibility of seeking a reduction in child support.

In this particular case, the man was actually making more than he had been at the time of the dissolution of the marriage. His former wife was making about the same amount of money, and the needs of the child had actually increased in the intervening year. In this case, the prospects of the father obtaining a reduction in child support were very remote. This is a case where there had not been a substantial change in circumstances since the dissolution of marriage.

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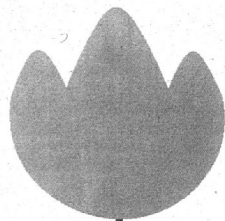
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